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PTA Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2018

Chaired by: Genevieve Bernier

Call to order – 6.35PM

March Meeting minutes approved.

Heather & Joy are not able to attend the meeting tonight.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Mr. Pavone:

- Thursday, April 19th - classes 101, 102 and 103 will be going on a trip to the Queens Zoo. It will be indoors.

- Next 2 Saturdays (21 and 28) and next couple Wednesdays and Thursdays are the remaining days for the standardized test prep for 3-8 graders.

- Tuesday, April 24 - 8th grade will be going on the sailing trip on

- May 1 & May 2 Math Standardized Assessment Tests

- 8th grade this year as we spoke about last year, will be taking the Algebra Regents exam and not taking the standardized test.

- May 9 is Parent Engagement Celebration from 4:30 to 7:30.

It's more of a celebration day, not a parent teacher conference. Some elementary and middle schools do it on different dates. We combine them.

- May 14 - classes 301 and 303 going on a field trip
- May 15 - 7th grade going to Princeton University
- May 15 - class 302 field trip
- Very exciting news - Chinese language for 3rd grade classes will be starting twice a week from now till the end of the year. Pilot program that will use technology and connect teacher in Beijing and it's live and interactive. As soon as we have names of teachers, we will let parents know. We are hoping technology and time works. Interesting part about it is that the teachers are working on times and they'll be separated by classrooms. All the details are being worked out.
- Other special news is congratulating the Richman family tonight for Hailey. She's a 5th grader at PS78 and is receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Haley will get award and medallion presented to her. She has done an

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amazing job collecting jigsaw puzzles for nursing homes and other senior living facilities. Her organization is called “Puzzles to Remember”. Round of applause for Hailey please.

SLT REPORT:

Our middle school after school program SASF has a cooking class and they won 2nd place in a competition. They competed against 11 other schools. Round of applause.

All 4 parents at SLT are up for re-election. We will have elections on June 6. Two representatives for elementary and 2 for middle school are needed to fill those positions. If anybody is interested, please let Gen or any other representative know. The SLT team meets once a month and meeting lasts about an hour.

Please visit our school website. At the bottom there's a little newspaper icon. Click on it and see what's new in our school. Also, our middle school newspaper is posted there. Michelle Pinto has also been sending emails to all of you. Please check all out online, there's fun facts and things about our school.

STATE EDUCATION COMMISSIONER YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD

Hailey - your teacher came here tonight to congratulate you. The Prudential National Association honors middle school students and thousands considered for this award. Here in NY, she's been singled out for her service in her community, she's created ongoing support for those suffering from Alzheimers and she will go to DC for 4 days for awards, \$1,000, and considered for national awards and silver community medallion.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have raised the fundraising and we now have a total of \$65,442. General fund and recess combined is the above number.

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Genevieve - we are working on a new recess program which will be much savings. We are working with LIC Artists group. We will try to hold an art show in June. Another great way to supplement our program and if you have any ideas please bring them to us or the teachers. We just paid the sailing program which is a great program for 5th and up. We still need to pay for some instruments.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SECURE DONATIONS. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR SPRING AUCTION

Monday, June 4th at SHI

Last year we secured \$20,000 from sponsors

We made a profit of \$45,000

This year we got \$10,000 from our wellness sponsor - Pro Health Dental

Sponsors take pressure off of parents even though we still need you to donate or ask for donations.

An example of businesses that donated last year - The Yoga Room, Modern Spaces, Rockrose, Astoria Bank, etc.

We are doing it a little differently this year. It will be done online, the website is posted on our website. We can bid on our phones, you'll get an alert when somebody outbids you. Also doing an early bird special of \$80 if bought before May 15, after that it will be \$85. What we need the most is for you to secure donations for us. We have a form where businesses can fill out online or email directly to you. They can also upload pictures and their logos online. We hope it works - it's our first time doing it online instead of booklets we've always done.

www.501auctions.com/78auction

Thanks once again to the parents (Jessica Estrada, Julz Donald and Beatriz Cifuentes) that helped us with the sponsorship package. Totally appreciate all your help!

We also need 2-3 volunteers to be part of the Election Committee.

Please email us with any questions or to volunteer.

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Mary Stein - we will have a musical of the first time in the school and the kids are helping write it and choreograph it. Some will play instruments. Kids in 6th and older please ask. We are trying to keep costs very low. In building set, we need parents or volunteers. Money needed for this. We need solar eclipse glasses, if you have experience with props, please reach out to us. We need about \$500-\$800 for the sets.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Mr. Pavone - thanking Mary for coming in on Fridays and volunteering all her time. Thanks for all you do for this first school musical! Please email her if you can volunteer, have questions or can donate anything.

Mary's email - maryduncanstein@yahoo.com

Bree - this would be something we would love doing every year. We always need more money. These are things we want to fund. We want organizations to come and help us.

Gen - All 5th graders are doing debate class this year. They will be debating PS150Q. A program that we hope will grow just like Mandarin classes. More information on that as well.

Anne Marie - Mandarin and Debate are pilot programs that we hope to grow and will probably have to fund.

Genevieve - Book Culture store at Court Square - 15% of proceeds of sales coming back to our school. Please visit the store.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

For the month of March – Honoring the value of Respect

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm

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Date