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Meeting minutes

June 15,, 2022 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

In Attendance

Attendees: 89 people including

PTA Executive Board: K. Craig, E. Allen, A. Nair, M. Pinto, R. Gunness, A. Shum

SLT: H. Aleyasin

School Admin: L. Pavone, D. Rombone, J. Drinankle, E. Montalvo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by K. Craig.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved.

Guest Speaker - UFT and Shoebox Project D30 Fundraiser

K. Craig invited Annawa Naing to speak about the Shoebox Project. A. Naing spoke of the project, outlining that it is a great way for UFT members to engage with and give back to the community. Donated toiletry items from the community will be collected and then packaged in gift wrapped boxes and distributed to women in homeless shelters or at-risk communities. Packaging will take place at Plaxall Gallery on June 25. All are invited to participate by donating and/or assisting with packaging.

School Mascot

K. Craig announced the new school mascot. She explained that this was the first time in 24 years that PS/IS 78Q would have a mascot, and outlined the process of how the mascot had been selected. 3rd to 5th graders who participated in debate club in the Spring had worked together and given reasons for their selection. The winning choice based on the work of the debate club is a dolphin. More work will be done in coming weeks to incorporate the winning mascot into design moving forward. The hashtag #FinsUp78 will be used.

Upcoming Events and Updates

Upcoming events for June were noted. These include the Silent Disco on June 16, and the sale of school supply kits until June 24. It was noted that volunteers are needed to care for both school gardens over the summer months, and families are encouraged to sign up to volunteer for a week at a time to water and care for these gardens. It was also announced that the Annual Fall Gala will be taking place October 2022 at American Brass, and that a call for gala committee members will be

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going out soon. Finally it was noted that registration for the 2022-2023 afterschool program is now open for Kindergarten through 5th grade. As always, parents are encouraged to volunteer to help ensure the success of all events.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented.

The proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year was presented and a motion was made to approve the budget. The motion was passed. It was noted that another vote will be held to approve the budget once again at the September 2022 PTA meeting.

Parent Volunteer of the Month

Mark Goetz was presented with the Parent Volunteer of the Month Award.

Local Small Business Supporter of the Year Award

Pentip Mulkern and her business Tuk Tuk were presented with this award.

8th Grade Graduation

The PTA congratulated the 8th Grade Class of 2022 on their upcoming graduation, to be held in an outdoor ceremony on June 17, 2022.

Principal's Comments

L. Pavone began by thanking all the families of the school for their ongoing support. He thanked the PTA Executive Board for their hard work during the past school year. He also thanked all the teachers and staff for all their efforts and dedication, and thanked Assistant Principals D. Rombone and J. Drinakle for all of their work. He thanked PTA President K. Craig for her dedication and constant support and effort. He wished everyone a happy and safe summer and looks forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school, September 8, 2022, for another successful year.

SLT Report

H. Aleysain presented a brief report of the last SLT meeting. This meeting included welcoming new members J. Walsh and R. Gunness, a brief discussion of the CEP (Comprehensive Education Program), review of the successful Science Fair that took place in June at Plaxall Gallery, and a beginning discussion on Class Size Legislation.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by K. Craig at 7:22 p.m.

Student of the Month

After the meeting was adjourned, Students of the Month for both May and June

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were presented via slide show presentation. The values of the months respectively are Citizenship and Caring for the Environment.