



## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Meeting Date: January 14, 2019, 6:15 pm, School Library

*Attendance Sign-In Sheet Attached*

- Call to Order (Jenn MacFarlane)
  - After determining that a quorum of the Executive Board was present, the President called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. Eastern Time.
- Approval of Minutes
  - A motion to approve the December 2018 Executive Board Meeting minutes [copies distributed via email] was made by Maria Paskowitz and seconded by Rusty Iodice. There being no objections or abstentions, the motion was unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Update (Maria Paskowitz)
  - The EB was informed that budget categories were reviewed and revised; future budget spreadsheets will look a bit different due to the revision of these categories.
  - Corporate match and family giving are down slightly this year compared to last; Maria asked that we reach out and remind people to ask their companies about corporate matches.
  - Funding Security System
    - Latest quote is \$19,525; Maria is trying to negotiate the price of the lanyards; suggest a bright red color to differentiate from the lanyards of other school staff.
    - Maria requested funds for a new desk at the front entrance; desk should be more formal/substantial/perhaps sit higher. Louise Xerri will check if the NYPD budget might cover that cost; current desk is 6.5' x 2.5'
    - Questions about future costs: there are no future costs aside from new cards, lanyards, and ribbons to print out new card for new families.
    - Funding will come out of the surplus of last year's budget.
    - Motion made by Maria Paskowitz to approve up to \$22,000 for the visitor management system, CASS, and a new desk. Seconded by Scott Oscher.
  - Maria also spoke about getting signs put into each classroom window that show the classroom number facing out, in case of emergency so police or fire staff could quickly identify where a classroom is. Should be reflective so easy to see in the dark.
- Principal's Update (Louise Xerri)
  - School is in its second round of professional development for grades 3/4/5.
  - School is in the middle of assessments for the January cycle.
  - Sarah Worthington will be presenting Creative Communications for grades 4/5.
  - A/C units were delivered to the classrooms that had defective units.
  - Three weeks from now the order for the split systems for the central A/C units will go in.
  - Superintendent visit tomorrow 1/15/2019; focus on reading comprehension.
  - Fred Wolf (Farmer Fred) will be doing a garden residency program for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade; this is to replace NDI for K

- New arrival procedures are going very well.
- We are supposed to be getting new front doors in our building with lower glass sections to be able to see out better.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to present at the February PTA meeting re: test prep. It was mentioned we should use the high attendance expected of this meeting for a short auction push before the presentation.
- SLT Update (Scott Oscher)
  - Scott is spearheading Parents-as-Partners this year; keynote speaker is a former multi-year PTA president and was an SLT member when Parents-as-Partners was created.
  - Interest in having written handouts from some of the presentations that night.
- Meeting Topics (various)
  - Update on School Photo Provider (Imran Husain)
    - Louise noted that one of the biggest hurdles is scheduling all the students for their school photos and the current company does that for our school (current company = Cameo photos)
    - New company options: Lifetouch, Stomping Grounds, Urban Simon
    - Louise requested that we give Cameo an opportunity to compete with whatever offers the new companies are bringing in.
  - New auditorium projector (Imran Husain)
    - New projector would get mounted in back of auditorium instead of being wheeled in on a cart in the front
    - Hooks into our audio system
    - Quote given was between \$15k-\$20k; Imran gave them a new range to work within from \$10k-\$15k.
  - Fund-a-Need for Auction (Scott Oscher)
    - Visual presentation from Scott about how the interface would look; perhaps the kids can build the classroom using Blockly?
    - Main concerns about build-a-classroom is that people will be offended if they think they are buying a specific item (ie, a rug) and then a new rug does not appear in their child's classroom.
    - The funds raised from this project idea are for this year's school budget, not for next year's budget.
  - Movie Night - Saturday, Feb 2nd
    - The Bardachs agreed to own that next movie night; suggestions to let the kids vote on a movie from a few options.
    - Discussion of whether we should sell food or not? Extend the time of the movie night and have a pizza party afterwards?
  - January General PTA Meeting Topic Ideas (Jenn/Barbara)
    - Creative Communication with Sara Worthington
  - General PTA Meeting – Wendy Ruther volunteered to cover breakfast
  - Teacher Appreciation Breakfast and Ribbon Cutting for Staff Lounge – end of February
- Committee Updates Events (see following sheets)
  - Auction (Karen Kennedy)
    - Ticket sales being this week
    - \$500 gets you “auction ambassador” status at the auction
    - Need help writing copy

- Possible website update
  - Passed out very helpful sheet titled Auction Donations Wishlist
- Broadway Night (Andrea Badino)
  - About 13-14 performers
  - Completely sold out with wait list
  - Safety walk-through with Mr. Beseda this Friday 1/18/2019
- Yankees Fundraiser will probably be May 19<sup>th</sup> this year
- Adjournment
  - Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

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