



**PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**February 4, 2019
6:15 p.m.**

ATTENDANCE: SEE SIGN-IN SHEET ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

LOCATION: PS 199 Library

CALL TO ORDER – (Jenn MacFarlane)

After determining that a quorum of the Executive Board was present, the President called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. Eastern.

PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE (Louise Xerri)

- Ms. Xerri and Ms. Raff met with Fred Wolf regarding the garden and how to implement it in the curriculum and involve the younger students. It will be a 10-week program for K, 1st and 2nd grade students, Monday and Fridays (cost is \$13,000).
- Three parents were sent to an Implicit Bias training. The city has numerous workshops going on for training and teachers in this area.
- The school has a temporary custodian engineer who is fantastic—only here for 8 weeks.
- New doors will be installed at main entrance: they will be full glass panels so that you can see your child going in and new security desk will also be ordered to fit the new security system.
- With the help of the Diversity Committee, Ms. Xerri has arranged for Lucy Kalantari, a jazz performer, to come to the school on February 27th and perform some shows for the kids.
- The school will have its Quality Review on March 7th and 8th.
- At the next PTA meeting, some of the 4th grade teachers will make a presentation.

SLT UPDATE – (Sofia Hubscher)

- Parents-as Partners Event. The event was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019. About 100 parents came. Feedback was great.

TREASURER’S UPDATE – (Maria Paskowitz)

- Budget Update. Maria provided an update on the budget through January 2019. Family giving is up but down from where we were last year.

Meeting Topics

- Spring Carnival (Geraldine). The Spring Carnival will be held on June 1st. Geraldine outlined steps for promotion of the event beginning in February.

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- *Book Fair Recap and Spring Planning* (Rebecca Zimba). May 20th-24th. The Book Fair will most likely be held in Ms. Raff's room. Profits per student have been decreasing over the past few years. Ideas to encourage more purchases: teacher recommendation lists, summer reading lists, etc.
- *Recess Safety Concerns* (Claudia Janucci). Incident in playground where a child got hurt by other kids. Claudia is looking into the possibility of bringing in an outside vendor to organize games at recess.
- *School Photographer Decision* (Imran Husain). Imran spoke to Cameo to see whether they would do what other vendors are doing but it was very clear that Cameo could not handle the types of services and products that our parent community desires. Therefore, Imran recommends the photographer Irvin Simon. Irvin Simon will also give the school back 25% of its profit (versus 15%, if we were to go with Stomping Grounds). Irvin Simon will also give the school an allowance for kids that can't afford photographs.
- *Helen Rosenthal Meeting* (Jenn MacFarlane/Ms. Xerri). A meeting was held with Helen Rosenthal a few weeks ago. Our school is included in a few grants. Among other discussions, Ms. Rosenthal suggested that we possibly connect with the Lincoln Cares Community Center on 65th St.

COMMITTEE UPDATE EVENTS

- *Auction* (Karen Kennedy). Three hundred and eighty-four auction tickets have been sold so far. We have a plan for Build-A-Classroom. And we are at about 162 donations so far, about where we last year.

ADJOURNMENT

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jenn MacFarlane and was seconded by Ana Frischtak. There being no objections or abstentions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. Eastern.

Minutes prepared by:

Ana Frischtak
Recording Secretary