



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

**November 5, 2018
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 6:22 p.m. Eastern.

TREASURER’S UPDATE – (Maria Paskowitz)

- **Budget Update.** Maria Paskowitz provided an update on the budget. Maria noted that there was an increase in revenue as a result of the success of Passport sales. Additionally, the revenue for the Halloween event was above what had been estimated. Maria suggested potentially bringing back the walkathon next year; Gayle Slonim suggested the possibility of a dance-a-thon. The idea behind either or both of these ideas was that a fitness event that is geared toward kids and allows for registration can be very lucrative for the school.
- **Corporate Sponsorships.** One of the main issues discussed was that this year’s annual budget has been affected because corporate sponsors are no longer able to email advertisements to parents; this has resulted in an unforeseen gap in the current budget which will need to be adjusted by decreasing budget allotments elsewhere. Jenn MacFarlane explained that this adjustment will not affect the children’s school programming but instead will be targeted at decreasing costs associated with school supplies.
- **Venmo.** The EB also discussed the possibility of allowing parents to make any PTA related payments through Venmo, as opposed to through Pay Pal, given the fees that the latter costs the PTA. This possibility is currently being explored.

SLT UPDATE – (Wendy Hutter)

- **Co-Vice Principals.** Wendy Hutter announced that Ms. Chung is officially our Vice Principal and that she will share this position with Mr. Beseda, the other Vice Principal of our school. Wendy went over the different roles that Mr. Beseda has been assigned versus that of Ms. Chung.
- **Parents-as Partners Events.** The Parents-as-Partners event will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2019.
- **Crossing Guard.** Principal Louise Xerri circulated to the SLT the petition requesting that a crossing guard be assigned to Amsterdam Avenue and 70th streets.

PTA WEBSITE – (Scott Oscher)

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- Scott Oscher has been working on a new PS 199 PTA website in order to make it more colorful and more user-friendly. Scott presented the EB with new PTA website and reviewed its new features and content with the group.

AUCTION UPDATE – (Karen Kennedy)

- Karen Kennedy updated the EB on the auction. She suggested the possibility of a “gratitude” theme for the auction this year, although nothing was decided on. The auction will be at a new venue this year and will be held on Friday, April 5 2019.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE – (Barbara Trencher on behalf of Wellness Committee Chairs)

- Amy Goffin and Jill Erlichman want to organize fitness fundraiser events this year, in the form of the spinning classes that were done last year. Barbara asked for potential dates for the events. The EB also discussed the possibility of a kid fitness event such as a Gaga fitness fundraiser with Spring Lake, as suggested by Gayle, or a dodge ball fundraiser. Both events will be considered and possibly held in the new year.

TEACHER’S LOUNGE – (Jenn MacFarlane)

- Jenn MacFarlane gave the EB a brief update on the status of the new Teacher’s Lounge. Furniture has been purchased and donated and it is almost up and running.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – (Annette O. Bhatia)

- Annette explained that the Thanksgiving Potluck is being organized and a volunteer list has already been set up in Konstella.

BOOK FAIR – (Andrea Badino)

- Andrea provided an update on the status of the Book Fair. The first meeting with volunteers will be held this upcoming Friday and Andrea is hoping to have more kindergarten parents. This year, the Book Fair will be set up in Ms. Raff’s new classroom and there will be a Harry Potter display.

BROADWAY NIGHT – (Andrea Badino)

- Broadway Night will take place on the last Sunday in January and tickets will go on pre-sale on December 12, 2018. An idea being considered is to get corporate sponsors (businesses with some relation to theatre) to sell advertisements in the Broadway Night program.

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 7:58 p.m. Eastern.

Minutes prepared by:

Ana Frischtak

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Recording Secretary