



PS 130 PTA Meeting Minutes May 21, 2020

Call to Order

6:35 p.m.

Reading of Minutes

Waived

Principal's Report (Stephanie)

- Thank you to everyone for an amazing Spring Auction night
- Reassuring parents that there is no falling behind right now
- We'll catch up in whatever way we need in the new school year, which, most likely will start in some sort of remote fashion
- So don't stress out about getting all the schoolwork done
- No need to be adding to what's already a challenging situation
- Will be summer school for grades 3 to 5
- Still no details about what things will look like in Sept
- Thinks school will start a little later than usual
- Expecting to see revised budget in "late May"
- Nicole update from Erin Langstaff: has made a tremendous amount of progress

SLT Report (Matthew)

- Thanks to everyone who filled out the survey
- Helped to determine which 5 questions to ask at the C-30 level 1 meeting last night (May 20)
- Interviewed 5 candidates, same 5 questions for each, 3 minutes to answer
 - The 5 questions were:
 - What is your vision of PS 130 and the community that makes you want to be principal
 - What are the most important ways you'll help teachers, how will you inspire teachers, how do you deal with mediocrity, how have you dealt with poorly performing teachers?
 - How would you cultivate family participation with a diverse student body
 - Tell us a time you had to be flexible with uncertain situations
 - Students are currently missing 3 mths of school, what supports would you put in place for students when they return
- Next step is the Lvl 2 interviews of the final two candidates: Stephanie Parsons, Sahar Sahid (AP at PS 66 School of Higher Expectations in the Bronx)
- Anita Stop makes the final decision but does consult with the committee and takes into account the parents' input

Treasurer Report (Lorne)

- Balance as beginning of May: \$109,253
- Took in \$755 annual appeal
- \$12000 family assistance covid-19 drive

- \$1400 from movie night
- \$1600 music festival
- Budget revised last month
 - Main shift was allocating \$20,000 to buy classroom supplies
 - Preliminary budget will be presented at next month's PTA meeting, which will have to be reapproved in the fall.

New Business

- **Executive Board Nominations (Nate)**
 - Thanks to the executive committee this year
 - Every spot is available
 - Anyone can nominate themselves from the floor for any seat (no one)
 - 2020-21
 - Co-pres Liz Edmund and Mel Boller
 - Treasure Lorne Lieb
 - Recording Secretary John Son
 - VP of after school Gretchen
 - VP communications Ashley
 - Appreciation for Lisa Zelznick's amazing work
 - Emerson Sykes
 - Still looking for one person to serve along with Ashley Kreamer
- **Spring Auction Recap (Lisa)**
 - Shout out to Lorne for running the camera
 - Thanks to everyone for their participation
 - Main goal was to make everyone feel good
 - \$29,711 and counting
- **5th Grade Graduation (Liz & Lorne)**
 - What's going to happen in light of the Covid situation
 - 5th grade committee had raised \$3300 for the original in-person events
 - 5th grade dues will be reduced to \$60 (from \$180)
 - Hardship funds may yet be raised for those in need, status uncertain right now, would need \$2400: approved
 - Adding \$1600 to the 5th grade line
 - What will happen (Thomas)
 - Virtual graduation
 - Each student receives a graduation box (with graduation cap, balloon, etc)
 - Virtual dance w DJ Ayres
- Year Books and KidPrint (Thomas)
 - 50 yearbooks left
- PS 130 One Family Emergency Fund
 - Assembled 63 boxes of basic resources
 - 43 boxes delivered to students' homes
 - Grocery deliveries have been ongoing as needed

Questions

Upcoming Events

Graduation June 24

June 24th

Adjournment: 7:35pm

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PTA COMMITTEE UPDATES

Art Committee & Art Boxes

The Art Committee's main efforts are: providing materials and volunteers for art projects linked to units of study in every classroom, grades K-5; maintaining the Art Box program in K-2 classrooms (see details below); and providing support to PS 130's art teacher, Kirsten Ator, including for the Annual US Student Art Show. Any questions please feel free to contact us at:

ps130art@gmail.com

Fifth Grade

The 5th Grade Committee, as part of the PTA, works closely with the PS 130 school administration to help plan and promote 5th grade activities, including sharing information about middle school and organizing the end of the year events and graduation. We help raise money to make those activities available to all 5th Grade students. Right now we are sharing Middle School open house and tour information as it becomes available. To sign up for 5th grade committee emails here: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/5thgradecommittee2019>

Garden

The Garden Committee thanks its enthusiastic members who pitched in over the summer to keep the Upper School gardens and trees watered & weeded! The cheerful flowers out front & the thriving 3 Sisters Garden out back wouldn't happen without your help, thank you!

This year we are looking forward to the Springtime renovation of the Lower School yard, and the return of the Butterfly and Bird Gardens.

The Garden Committee is a member of the Garden Train, a District 15-wide schools and community garden consortium created to share and build resources, partnerships, successes, and community to grow our gardens. Garden Train meets once a month, often in partnership with a community garden leader or organization for demonstrations and skill-sharing, and meetings are open to all.

We look forward to getting back into our Lower School Bird and Pollinator Gardens this Spring, getting things growing again! If you're interested, please get in touch with siobhancthomas@gmail.com

Yearbook

The YB Committee has already started its planner to make sure this year's yearbook will be another showcase of all things PS 130. We are always looking for extra hands, especially in the page design and photography departments (we even train and loan cameras!). If interested or have further questions, please contact **Thomas** at yearbookps130@gmail.com.