



MS 297 | SEVENTY-FIVE MORTON

PTA General Membership Meeting Wed, March 28, 2018 6:15pm Agenda

Attendance 27

- I. 6:25pm Call to Order 4 people were there who could never attend a morning meeting; for 6 this is their first meeting
- II. 6:28pm Review and Approval of Agenda one change made to add subparagraph b to the Treasurer's report - motion to approve yearbook costs
- III. 6:29pm Review and Approval of Minutes approved unanimously
- IV. 6:30 Principal's Report
 - a. Should know final enrollment numbers by mid-June. About 280 incoming 6th graders and some new 7th graders. Moving in July – first moving meeting tomorrow, will need parental help. Roof garden is planned and paid for. Classrooms 630 sqft to 830 sqft. Teachers will rotate rooms each year. Will lock rooms that are not used so furniture stays there. Science rooms on all floors, Jacqui's office on 4th floor. District 75 school on the 2nd floor. School dance 5/10/18 6-9pm. In testing mode now, figuring out how to do it coordinated with Clinton – no out lunch on test days 4/11/18 and 4/12/18. Need quiet lunches for tests. On test days all cell phones and Apple watches are taken for the day. Leave at home if you're comfortable with that. No devices allowed in testing areas
 - b. School safety discussion. 75 Morton "March for our Lives" in NYC was beautiful, kids led the march. Had a series of soft lockdown drills this year. During a bomb scare police instruct people to turn off cell phones. Door stoppers not allowed in school so people can barricade doors. We will have 3 guards at the new building. Doors are locked automatically when you pull off magnetic strip and stay locked
 - c. After school Manhattan Youth has funding for fewer slots than we need for next year – we are advocating for more slots as we grow. Jeannine Kiely, along with Josh has been helping get permits for outdoor fields near new building, Nick serves on CB2 so will try to help. Reality is that everyone needs space, and permit holders hang on to them. There may be a way to ask current holders to let us use the fields
 - d. Meeting in Jacqui's office Tuesday 4/17/18 at 9:30am for anyone who wants to help plan orientation for new students. Making a video. Come if you can help

- V. 6:52pm Treasurer's Report 87 families donated in direct appeal (44%), got 110% of funding we budgeted, but want to increase participation %. \$1,955 came in from theater benefit. Treasurer handouts filed with these minutes
- a. FYI a \$3,600 special education professional development expense approved at EB meeting, for which there is already a budget line. \$3,500 approved at EB board meeting due to time sensitivity for Alley Pond rope course adventure field trips in May. Series of days, kids go in groups of 30-60. There is an existing line in budget although this will run over budget
 - b. Motion to approve yearbook funds up to \$3,000, it is in budget as an income line but now realize it is an expenditure. It will be 30-pages, 220 copies, do not want ads this year, keep it simple and want to give it to all kids for free. Unanimously voted in. Send photos to Kim Shay at Aiko4ever@aol.com
- VI. 7:01pm President's Report
- a. Proposed amendments to bylaws (see handout) have to be in agenda at one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting
 - i. Increasing number of Members-at-Large from four to six – 2 slots will be held and allocated for incoming families in the fall
 - ii. Conflict of interest policy – required for 501(c)(3) filing
 - iii. Clarification of legal name of new PTA non-profit corporation
 - b. Thanks to Cathy Curtin for organizing the theater benefit, Morton had the most tickets sold of any of the schools. Thursday June 14th 5-8:30 at Pier 46 on Christopher Street Pier is the school potluck.
 - c. Transition planning – new building, website, etc., growing from 200 kids to 800-900 in 2 more years, scaling up. If you have ideas let Jacqui know. Need help revamping website. Will get Reso-A funding for tech support hardware up to \$100,000. A library company will come in and bring in books, scan and file them. Getting a kiln and some exercise equipment. Concern about wifi availability in the new building. This is a city-wide problem, not an easy fix. Parent Daniel Katzen offered to help
- VII. 7:14pm School Leadership Team Report – working on a statement of mission, vision, values
- VIII. 7:17pm Committee Reports
- a. Community
 - i. Social Media Workshops – Follow-up: 4/24/18 6:15pm
 - ii. Brass Monkey Happy Hour Monday or Tuesday 2nd or 3rd week of May, might invite incoming 6th graders, spend \$20-\$30 for open bar and apps
 - iii. Movie night – do it next year b/c we don't have our own space yet
 - b. Fundraising
 - i. Auction – 4/27/18 evening at Cuper in DUMBO; "crawl" for donations. People feel awkward asking companies for donations. When people are asked to help and do they feel good. Also offering them to get in front of a huge new community, you can help their business. Go to the vendors you love and bring them in front of this amazing community. We have 40 items donated from 25 families, need a lot more ASAP

ii. "Cinco de Soul" charity ride – May 5 or 6, 2018 in the afternoon

IX. 7:23pm Old Business

- a. Nominating committee formation – job is to put the word out, find new folks to run for office and run the election. Nominations close at May meeting and vote at June meeting. Claudia Bellini, Amanda Napier and Teresa Villi already accepted position. Nick opened it up to the floor for other nominations. No others volunteered. Nick appointed them as the committee members

X. 7:28pm New Business

- a. Orientation – already covered
- b. Yearbook – already covered
- c. Website/communications task force – Nick and Kim Shay can help with designing the website, Chuck Greb can do the coding. Need a graphic designer
- d. School Merchandise – 2 color caps, moisture wicking shorts, tshirts, nylon string bag, anorak, ID/pouch holders, pencils. Working with Bomber O'Malley on the merch again. Looks like we will have a closet in the new building to store merch

XI. 7:35pm Adjournment



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