



MS 297 | SEVENTY-FIVE MORTON

PTA Meeting October 18, 2017, 8:15a Cafeteria – 2nd floor – 10 E 15th Street

I. Introduction

- 8:17 am Co-Presidents Nick Gottlieb & Bob Osborne call-to-order
- Welcome – teachers/staff present Jacqui, Katie, Eileen (see attached list for parent attendance – 49 names)
- 8:20 am agenda review, unanimous approval.

II. Presenters

- 8:22 am Cathy C notes Halloween party is next week on Wed the 25th. Sign up on the SignUpGenius. Be **here** 5:45 for setup – she needs all hands, anyone who can show up.
- 8:24 am Principal's Report – Jacqui
 - Thank you to everyone
 - Donate or buy at bake sale
 - 2 middle school open houses, feedback from Heather Campbell is a sense of community and enthusiasm and commitment
 - Socratic Seminar training is going on
 - **Sign Halloween permission slip for your child**
 - No slime in school including slime sales
 - School currently needs pencils, paper, tissues, and a microwave (drop it off in the morning)
 - Please pay the \$65 suggested donation to pay for the kids' school supplies (check made to MS297)
- 8:31 am Presidents' Report – Nick & Bob
 - Construction update – school is on track (per Director of External Affairs School Construction Authority) to open for children on Sept 2018
 - School name question continues, be patient – aim is to have an official name by the ribbon cutting of the school in Sept. 2018
 - **School photos will be taken Feb 2**

- Please approach anyone on the executive board of the PTA with donations or to volunteer or with any questions
- 8:42am Treasurer's Report (see attached for proposed budget)
 - Bank account open
 - Explanation of proposed budget
 - Suggestion to open Amazon Smile or Amazon Associates (the treasurers will look into this)

III. Business of Meeting

- 8:47 am Budget presentation and vote (approved unanimously)
- 8:48 am Fundraiser presentation and vote (approved unanimously)
 - explanation of need to approve every fundraiser (DOE rules)
 - suggestion to add Brass Monkey
 - Soul Cycle
 - Theater benefit run by Cathy C
 - Feel free to suggest other fundraisers
- 8:55 am Ad Hoc Committees
 - Direct Appeal (Alexandra)
 - \$750 per child suggested
 - discuss ways to get people to donate
 - Auction (Irma)
 - Irma is looking for a co-chair
 - Typically this happens in Spring, please help
 - No offers rejected: time, money, space, etc.
 - Community-building (seeking co-Chairs)
 - Social – Halloween Dance, Picnic.
- 9:05 am Communications
 - PTA Directory sign-up – if you are NOT on the PTA email list, you can't be contacted to help out and you won't know about social events for your kids that the PTA funds (like school dances, etc.)
 - Going online soon
 - School store also going online – t-shirts are coming soon
 - Bookmark the school's website – PTA is on it now
 - Class parents – two per "class number" to liaison with the four subject teachers and the art teacher

IV. Announcements

- 9:15 am SLT (School Leadership Team) will be formed with an equal number of teachers and parents
 - Focused on education and on school naming etc.
 - Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP)
 - Special expedited elections to be held at next PTA meeting

- Right now 3 teachers – so 3 parents are needed (volunteer at next meeting or meet with Nick to let him know you want to run)

V. New Business

a. Yearbook – Kim Shay

- i. Yearbook free for students this year
- ii. Please volunteer to be on yearbook team by emailing Kim
- iii. Heather – (community is great here, thank you for participating)
Puerto Rico Bake Sale is on today run by parents and kids. It was beautiful to see that the first fundraiser was suggested by the kids and teachers, and it is to benefit others, not ourselves.

b. Music for Halloween party needs to be created – please see Kathy

VI. Next PTA meeting will be on Wed. Nov 15th at 8:15am

VII. 9:22 am meeting is adjourned

SIGNED _____
PTA Co-Secretary

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PTA Co-President