



# MS 297 | SEVENTY-FIVE MORTON

## PTA Meeting Minutes November 15, 2017, 8:15am Cafeteria – 2nd floor – 10 East 15th Street NYC

### Attendance: 41

#### I. Introduction

- 8:23 am - Call to Order and Welcome – Nick, PTA Co-President
- 8:24 am - Agenda reviewed and changes approved
- 8:25 am – Jennifer Greenblatt – DOE representative introductions
- 8:26 am -- October minutes review and approval

#### II. Business of Meeting

- 8:27am SLT Election (Jennifer Greenblatt) for 4 parent spots. Nominations were made from the floor. 4 spots were available, 4 candidates were nominated. The following candidates were voted in by motion which was seconded and approved by unanimous vote:
  - Suzanne Murphy
  - Heather Campbell
  - Peter Alson
  - Elizabeth Smith


#### III. Presenters

- 8:36am Principal's Report – Jacqui & Katie present
  - Today is soccer tournament
  - Open school day was wonderful. In our new building we will be able to tour more often
  - **Student-led conferences.** Advisor will guide student to lead the conference & help student choose work to discuss reflecting strengths & goals. Having a unified picture of child's work helps to see "whole child". If you have individual issues with a subject teacher, feel free to reach out by email to that teacher—they are available
  - **Student Council** – On Manhattan Student Leadership Council, 3 kids represent each grade. No elections– everyone gets to be on the Council. Sign-up sheets on the walls of school with issues to discuss
  - **Writing group** – everyone welcome; starts Nov. 21 at 8:25a at school (run by Milda DeVoe)
  - **If your child has a very low grade, email for help. Don't be worried.**

- **Pupil Path** – there is also an app for your phone; check it for real-time grades
  - **Out Lunch Starts in early December** – not going into Union Square park
  - **Jaqueline Luxemburg** will take charge of organizing emergency snack supply for the office
  - 9:00 am President’s Report – Nick
    - Thank you to all who helped on Halloween Party and School Picnic
    - A community-building committee has been formed
      - Think creatively about what you want the school to be
      - Jeanne & Alessandra are co-chairs, send them your ideas
      - Holiday ideas? Send them! PTA@MS297nyc.org
    - **Free Morton T-shirts** distributed to kids tomorrow!
    - **Gym class** – be aware of gym class, make sure children wearing appropriate clothing/deodorant
  - 9:06 am Treasurer’s Report – Judy
    - **\$21,514 intake**
    - **44 families gave, nearly a 25% donation rate! Yay!**
    - **Have you donated?** Whether it’s \$25 or \$2500, we would love to be able to say that our whole community donated. It’s for the KIDS and the TEACHERS – to make this school awesome
    - **SoulCycle Fundraiser coming up** - Irma
      - Location will be either West Village or closer to Morton
      - You can sponsor bikes for other people (teachers, staff)
      - The idea is: you “purchase” a stationary bike for the event, depending on where you sit in the room it costs more or less, and then you ride ride ride while an instructor tells you how awesome the burn is - **and it’s fun**
    - **Theater Benefit** (Cathy chairs) – venue and play donated, celebrity actors donate their time, we buy tickets **and it’s fun**
- IV. Business of Meeting**
- 9:20 **Volleyball nets** - Josh needs 7 so that the kids can all play, transportable to 75 Morton. Vote to fund these nets up to \$350 (motion made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote)
- V. Announcements**
- **Class Parents** (Suzy Chase Osborne in charge) will be established. To facilitate communication, support teachers & build community. Need one per class. Past class parent experience preferred, Jacqui has final say-so
  - **501 c 3 status** (Kim Y) - In process. While nonprofit status is likely to be retroactive, we can’t guarantee gifts will be tax deductible this year.
  - **Merchandise**
    - Developing Morton-branded hoodies, baseball shirts, wool caps, apron, PJ bottoms, tote bags, etc.

- Pre-order during conferences Nov. 29-30, product available by Holidays
  - Judy to look into Square swipe app plug in for donation payments in addition to PayPal
  - **School directory** - paid for by money originally allocated for coffee/bagels. But Lauren donated food so PTA is paying for school directory
  - **Meeting schedule** for 2017-18 – distributed. **January & March meeting will be at 6:15pm** for those parents who can't attend morning meetings
- VI. 9:28 **New Business (none)**  
VII. 9:29 **Meeting adjourned**

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

  
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(Co-Secretary)

  
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(Co-President)