

PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

Call to order: 6:31 p.m.

Bus stop proposal: Assembly Member Bobby Carroll

- A few MS890 parents and members of CEC 22 have contacted the assembly member's office about wanting to have a city bus stop for the B68 at the corner of Hinckley and CIA. They are worried about street safety and would like the stop to be moved so students don't have to cross Beverley Road.
- AM Carroll's question for the community: If the stop were to be moved, would the elementary school population be OK with that?
- The proposal is for either just the 68 to be moved or the 68 plus the 103 and the limited buses. These buses would stop at Hinckley and Coney Island Av. This would either replace the Beverley stop or be in addition to that stop. It would not affect the Church Avenue stops.
- Parent concerns: Worried about extra traffic outside the school. It's already busy.
- Middle school teacher supports this plan because kids who take the bus at Beverley would benefit from additional supervision.
- When and how can we follow up? AM Carroll can hold another Zoom session, or you can call his office.

Principal's Report: Kathryn Anderson

- Residencies:
 - iFetayo is ending. It was a great success. There will be a final show on March 24.
 - CMOM continues, even through the remote session. Just received another shipment of materials.
 - Arts Connection will restart after Spring Break. All classes will be included.
- Chess.org will be starting, in-person, in-school. Also investigating a for-fee afterschool option.
- Antiracism training sponsored by RESJ concluded last week.
- Implicit bias training for teachers is starting through the DOE.
- March Mathness was a great success.
- Kendra Edwards, the district math leader, will be back in building on 3/17 for teacher training. Will work with the PA to schedule parent workshops.
- Talent show was very entertaining!
- Please sign up for NIA virtual after school. We need people to be part of that program to continue the relationship. We want them back in the building.
- There are no updates on remote or in-person learning changes.

Approval of minutes

- February minutes approved unanimously

President's Report: Emalia Dawson

- In June, there will be elections for the Parents Association executive board and the School Leadership Team.
- Please reach out to any of the board members on Konstella if you're interested.

Treasurer's Report: Megan Finn

- Currently planning on ending the year with a balance of around \$12,000.
- There is unspent money from other budget lines.
- Working on increasing representation in hiring across 889. RESJ is talking to Ms. Anderson about hiring and diversity going forward.

New Business**School Pictures Production Budget**

- The district has changed plans and is now allowing photo vendors to be onsite, outside at the principal's direction. Principal Anderson has approved that plan.
- We will reuse the same vendor from last year, Stomping Ground.
- Remote students may not be able to get to 889 during the school day. Stomping Ground will work with parents through FaceTime or Google Duo to capture a picture of their student. They will edit and process it.
- Stomping Grounds charges a \$5 fee per remote picture. Parents who pay that receive a \$5 discount for photo orders.
- To make it equitable, the PA is considering covering production fees for remote pictures.
- There is an incentive: If 50% of our school put in an order, we'd receive 15% of the profits from purchase, which may cover the production fees. We hit that in 2018-2019 but not in 2019-2020.
- Max cost: \$600, to cover all remote families and teachers. If a remote family can make it to the in-person photo day, the fee would be reduced.
- These photos will all be individual. There will be no class photos.
- Date is not set yet.
- What happens if we have to go into remote learning? We don't know but will ask.
- Vote: Approve \$600 budget to cover production fees for Stomping Ground Photo to take remote pictures and edit them.
 - 100% approved.

Old Business - NA**Racial Equity and Social Justice Report: Femi Disu-Oakley**

- We have closed out the antiracism education series.
- If you haven't received a workbook, please contact RESJ (Femi or Natalia).

Fundraising & Events: Piyali Basak and Tracy Jordan

- Next event is March 19 Jeopardy Night. It's a family event.
- May will be a wellness month. Camp providers will offer free sessions. Hoping to have meditation and other workshops.
- Compiling a list of camps that are offering scholarships or free tuition. Deadlines are coming up. We will share a list soon.

Adjourned: 7:25 p.m.