

PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes May 18, 2021

Call to order: 6:02

Minutes from April 20, 2021

- Approved, 91%

Principal's Report: Ms. Anderson

- End of year activities:
 - o Borough Safety Office advising
 - o Grades Pre-K & K will have two options: virtual or in-person (Virtual session in AM and in-person at end of the school day)
 - o Grades 1, 2, 3 will be virtual celebrations only
- Summer Rising Program:
 - o PS889 is hosting the program on site, Open to all students K-5
 - o Two CBO partners: FDC and CAMBA
 - o Enrollment: Currently 17 889 students enrolled (not including enrollees from PS217, PS139 or PS130)
 - o Schedule: 8am- 12pm Academics/12pm Lunch/ 1-6pm Enrichment Activities
 - o Safety Protocols will be followed -details TBA
 - o COVID Testing consent forms will be mandatory
 - o Staffing and planning for program is underway
 - o To enroll, use the links on the school website
 - o Parent coordinator will be in contact and is available to help guide families
- September Enrollment:
 - o 75 Students enrolled in Kindergarten (3 classrooms)
 - o Pre-k applicants are being notified soon- 36 seats (2 classrooms)
- Hiring Season for Next Year:
 - o Needed positions/teachers is contingent upon budget and student enrollment
 - o Budgets are delayed this year
 - o Currently need to hire 4th grade teachers and possible science cluster teacher
 - o Current teachers completing preference sheets for next year (due Friday) which will help to plan for next year classrooms
- Join Ms. Anderson for more information and Q&A:
 - o Townhall June 1st
 - o Chat & Chew June 2nd

President's Report

- School Pictures: Successful
- Upcoming Elections:
 - o Next PA meeting will include PA and SLT elections- extended meeting
 - o All PA positions open/ All SLT positions open

- For more information on positions and details, see information posted to Konstella (and stay tuned for flyers to be sent home and PA/SLT members tabling outside of school during pick up and drop off)
- Anyone interested can submit interest via email to the PA and/or verbally announce interest at the next meeting/election
- Bus Stop Proposal: Based on the poll, PS889 is in favor

SLT Report

- Next year plans:
 - May resume to a full-day schedule (8:10-2:30)
 - May have a remote option, but there will be no blended option

Treasurer's Report

- Current bank balance is \$17,556.63
 - Some projected expenses leaving over \$10K balance
 - All remaining money will roll into the next school year budget

Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee

- Wrapping up end of school year/ Getting ready for next year:
 - Looking for more programing for the new year in collaboration with the school
 - Requesting to participate in school staff hiring to ensure new hires are in line with RESJ principles and goals

Fundraising & Events Committee

- Wrapping up end of school year:
 - Looking forward to supporting the school with end of the year celebration events
 - Positions opening for next year- speak with Tracy or Piyali with any questions

Grants Committee

- Currently looking for grants to support the school mural project, makers space and a sensory gym.

Yearbook

- School pictures have been delayed which has delayed the yearbook project
- Yearbook will likely need to be ordered online and delivered to the home

New Business

- Currently updating PA Bi-laws to align with current additions:
 - Once complete, will send copies for the community to review and then vote on during June 15th PA meeting
- Election- SLT & PA on June 15th (another plug!!)
 - Only qualifier is that you are a parent/guardian of a student at PS889
 - Volunteer position, but varying amount of time commitment acceptable/flexible
 - Join! We need you!!

Adjourned: 7:23pm