

PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes October 13, 2020

Call to order: 6:31 p.m.

Principal's Report: Kathryn Anderson

- Health and Safety
 - Attendance: Solid. Enrollment: Steady.
 - Staff 100% healthy and well.
 - No exit date for return to the building.
- Devices:
 - 30 devices on hand, not yet activated. 40 coming in. Can't be released.
 - School takes an attendance count every day. There's a wide latitude for attendance if you have device issues.
 - Working to make teachers available from 8:30 to 2:00 while remote . If you have an altered scheduled, please communicate that to teachers.
 - The CUNY tech intern will do a Zoom room for parent help. Every day, 9-12 if he doesn't have class. Link to be shared on Dojo and Konstella.
- Enrichment: Working on an update.
- Schoolwide events: Planning some assemblies and at-home events.
- Budget: In good shape. No register loss.
- Staff: There's been some staffing trouble. Need more staff.
- Covid testing:
 - Mandatory to send in consent form for grades 1-3; pre-K and K are not being tested.
 - Current expectation is that you'll will be notified 2 days in advance if you're in the sample.
 - Current test is the deep nasal test. Short swab coming, then saliva test.
- Parent coordinator
 - DOE denied request to go outside the pool and sent a revised list with additional names. One person has said she'd like to be interviewed.

Approval of Minutes (as posted on Konstella and 889 websites)

- September 10, 2020 minutes: Approved unanimously.

President's Report: Emalia Dawson

- PA elections for the 10/27 meeting.
 - Elections are normally in June, for July-June terms. This year DOE issued a waiver due to the pandemic.
 - This will be an expedited election. You can raise your hand at the meeting 10/27 to self-nominate. Or send an email to parents@889pa.org.
- Live interpretation will always be available for these meetings.

- PA calendar:
 - General Meeting dates confirmed
 - Executive Board meetings are posted through 2020. New board will set its schedule afterward.

New Business

- Propose to add a VP of Racial Equity & Social Justice (RESJ) to the Executive Board
 - Approved unanimously
- Propose to add the VP of RESJ and the VP of Communications to any and all bylaws that refer to the executive board and its officers.
 - Approved unanimously
- Vote on Roles & Responsibility for VP RESJ
 - Approved unanimously
- Vote on Roles & Responsibility for VP of Communications
 - Approved unanimously

Old Business

- Equity Fund proposal from 9/10 meeting: Piyali Basak
 - Putting on a short pause, will revisit later
 - P-EBT funds: Considering a mutual aid group in our community or other options for parents who can donate the money.

SLT Report: Nat Katin-Borland

- Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 a.m.
- Next SLT meeting: 10/13/2020. Anyone can join as an observer.
- To contact SLT: email co-presidents of PA; message Nat Katin-Borland through Konstella; or email SLT.ps889@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report: Megan Finn

- Budget: Current balance \$32,470
- Individual giving, greater than projections: \$9,725
- Device spending figure is pending. Other money spent on outdoor learning supplies and classroom supplies.

Racial Equity & Social Justice Committee: Femi Disu-Oakley and Natalia Brazil-Benites

- Plan to conduct a needs assessment survey.
- Upcoming meeting on October 22. Will include an education corner on the core basis of the group.
- A member of RESJ will help interview parent coordinator candidates

Enrichment: Emalia Dawson

- PA Board has assembled a list of suggestions covering STEM, music, culture, and shared with Ms. Anderson.
- Expecting a vote on 10/27. Vendors need to know by November.

Communications: Mark Shea

- Text service starting in next few days.
- Aiming to include a language preference.

Fundraising & Events — Piyali Basak

- Aiming for one event per month.
- Parents with talents requested!
- Planning an auction in December, need items (can be skills, consulting sessions, etc.)

Adjourned: 7:45 p.m.