

MEETING MINUTES

PS 889 PA Meeting Held October 30, 2017

Approved by PS 889 PA Members on November 30, 2017

Board Members: Alix Boyle, President | Chris Confessore, Treasurer | Jill Beadle, Secretary

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| Date & Time | Monday, October 30, 2017 from 6:15 pm to 7:30 pm |
| Venue | In the library of PS 889 @ 21 Hinckley Place, Brooklyn, NY 11218 |
| In Attendance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-K and kindergarten parents• PS 889 Administrators: Principal Anderson, Ms. Noto• Special guest: Mathieu Eugene, District 40 council member |
| Meeting Minutes Jill Beadle | Minutes from September 25, 2017 meeting read and approved by PA members |
| President's Report Alix Boyle | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PA business: Filed the PA's election certificate form. Alix attended 2 president council meetings to date. Alix and Chris attended NYC Department of Education new PA orientation. Working to obtain all teacher wish lists, which will inform PA fundraising efforts.• Student-parent directory: Responses received from all classes. Issuing another call to ensure all parents have a chance to be included.• Parent survey: Being finalized. To be distributed. Will inform PA of parents' talents, interests, ability to contribute, etc• PS 889 tours: For prospective Pre-K and kindergarten students. PA helping to: secure local advertising, serve as parent ambassadors,• PA communications: Sent home a PA welcome letter and now have a: dedicated section in the PS 899 newsletter (see October newsletter); PA tab on the PS 889 site; and email address.• PS 889 events: First school event is the Halloween pumpkin patch. PA members volunteered to help set up. In the future, this is the kind of event the PA will host/lead. |

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| <p>Treasurer's Report Chris Confessore</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget: Presented proposed budget and reviewed with PA members. Motion made and approved to zero out the budget and add continuity fund. Chris to reflect this in revised budget.• Bank: Chris presented bank options and recommendations for opening PA checking account. Motion to use TD Bank made and approved. Chris to open up PA checking account at TD Bank. |
| <p>Principal's Report Principal Anderson</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall: Making good academic progress to date. Working to set up the science room so that students can begin using the lab. Will then set up the art room. Submitted grant application to set up/ fund outdoor garden.• District 22 feedback: District superintendent visited the school, along with all District 22 principals. Superintendent evaluation of PS 899, said it is doing very well.• Parent outreach: Great parent participation, but is unequal. Want to get more families involved.• Traffic/safety update: Received a letter from Mathieu Eugene, NYC district 40 council member, stating that a traffic light will be installed in January 2018 – to address crossing Coney Island Avenue to Hinckley Place. Corroborated via Assemblyman Bobby Carroll (NY state assembly district 44) letter and Councilman Eugene as he joined the meeting and reaffirmed promise to address traffic/safety issue. Eugene said he recognizes the danger posed and is working/will work with the Department of Transportation commissioner. |
| <p>School Leadership Team (SLT) Report Solana Pyne</p> | <p>Comprised of 5 staff members, 5 parents, and head of UFT. Last met on November 21, 2017 at 7:00 am. Next meeting to be held on December, 14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SLT bylaws: Were approved. Can amend if needed.• Announced SLT officer positions: Solana Pyne, co-president; Bill Mauck, co-president; Thorsten, treasurer; Danielle Noto, secretary. All are parent volunteers, except Ms. Noto. She is a PS 889 school administrator.• Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP): Being finalized. Will be made public once it is. |

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New Business

Votes

- PA bylaws: Approved
- 2017-18 budget: Approved
- Creation of 5 ad-hoc committees: Approved and respective committee chairs appointed
 - Communications, chaired by Erik German
 - Events, chaired by Joan Jubett-Bauer
 - Fundraising & Development, co-chaired by Ben Anderson and Kathy Jones
 - Gardening, chaired by Thorsten Hoffmann
 - PS 889 Cares, chaired by Lauren Volkmer
- Solicited and secured initial slate of committee volunteers

School photos: Presented school photo option and update. The PA was in favor of photos to be taken on November 17 by Class Act.

Brooklyn Nature Days: An after school option available in addition to, not in lieu of NIA program – proposed by Ben Anderson. One day a week for both Pre-K and kindergarten students.