

MEETING MINUTES

PS 889 PA Meeting Held November 30, 2017

Approved by PS 889 PA Members on December 21, 2017

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

Date & Time	Monday, November 30, 2017 from 6:30 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,
Meeting Minutes Jill Beadle	Minutes from October 30, 2017 meeting posted and approved by PA members
President's Report Alix Boyle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PA business: Membership appeal letter will be sent to parents in December with a suggested donation of \$10. Alix continuing to attend President Council meetings. Focused on jumpstarting five new committees.• Student-parent directory: Completed. To be distribute soon• Parent survey: Responses are in. Approximately 30 surveys completed. Results to be tallied.• PS 889 tours: For prospective Pre-K and kindergarten students. PA helping to: secure local advertising, serve as parent ambassadors. Challenge by incorrect district listing on Department of Education (DOE) site. DOE to change.
Treasurer's Report Chris Confessore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget: Presented most recent budget. No revenue or disbursements to report.• Bank: Opened TD Bank account with donation of \$40. Will be charged a monthly fee of \$10 as we are required to have a business account; it is ineligible for free checking. Exploring ways to avoid such fees, e.g., obtaining tax exempt status.

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<p>School Leadership Team (SLT) Report Bill Mauck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update: SLT last met on November XX, 2017. Finalized CEP goals, which were submitted to the district superintendent. Established core goals for the SLT.• Next steps: Creating action plan around each goal. Parents will focus on goal number 5 which is strong family and community.
<p>Principal's Report Principal Anderson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District 22 feedback: Another visit from district superintendent on November 16, 2017. She is very please with the school environment how well kids are functioning and quality of the teachers. Made some suggestions pertaining to academic rigor, which PS 889 is already working on with more reading, writing and math programs and project-based learning.• Enrollment for 2018-19 school year: District superintendent holding firm to having seats filled by district 22 children only. Lot of interest in school from parents in nearby districts. Priority will be given to students zoned for PS 889, then those that live in the district.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ All children currently enrolled in PS 889 kindergarten will automatically move up to 1st grade.▶ All children currently enrolled in PS 889 Pre-K, and who live in district 22, will move up to kindergarten. Those who do not live in district 22 are not guaranteed a kindergarten seat for the 2018-19 school year. Priority will also be given to district 22 Pre-K applicants with a sibling enrolled in PS 889.▶ There will be two Pre-K, kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Decision based on largely on funding parameters. Better to start small so don't have to give back funds if unable to fill 3 classes. If enough interest, will add a third class to a grade. Class size may increase, up to 24 kids per K or 1st grade class. Will revisit in May or June.• Art & Science: Opening up science lab staffed by classroom teachers in the new year. Will be a weekly period. Possible involvement of MS 890 science teacher. Working to have art be a weekly period as well (K)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Puppetry in Practice from Brooklyn College. On January 26 will hold shows for all classes. In talks to have puppet making classes tied to self-reflection project. Focus is on K.▶ Chick hatching by Quiver Farms for Pre-K; K kids share a chick▶ Big Brothers Big Sisters every Friday to be work w/K classes

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<p>Communications Committee Erik German</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language preference: Identify greatest need for translated communications. Spanish is number one followed by Bengali. Also needed are Haitian, Russian and Urdu. Will focus on Spanish first and pull in parent volunteers to help translate.
<p>Events Committee Joan Jubett-Bauer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calendar and purpose: Events will generate funds and build community. Presented the 2017-18 school year calendar and shared upcoming events (Healing through Arts with MS 890, create art in December, auction in January) and the types of events committee will focus on, e.g., movie nights, legislative breakfasts, book fair, read-a-thon, offsite band night for parents.
<p>Fundraising & Development Committee Ben Anderson and Kathy Jones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fundraising to: Raise money that will be used to improve and enrich the school and its offerings/resources. Some funding is needed for larger initiatives such as long-running art and/or science programs. Other times for smaller initiatives such as teacher wish lists, field trips, etc.• Fundraising goal: \$15,000 for 2017-18 school year. Will require lots of parental participation/volunteers• Match campaign: Launch in January. A handful of parents will donate large amount of money that will be used to match donations made by other parents.• 501c3 status: Want to apply for it in early 2018. In meantime, can use fiscal sponsor, an organization that lets non-profits use its 501c3 status for a fee. Would be used to allow for corporate matches (see match campaign above) and tax write-offs.
<p>Votes Alix Boyle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Election of new officers: Not enough time to hold vote so put on hold until next meeting.• Bylaws: PA voted to finalized with amended meeting start time of 6:30. Bylaws now in effect.• New sources of revenue and expenditures: PA voted to add general funding buckets of \$500 to be used to plan for upcoming winter and spring events.