

PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2021

Call to order: 6:34pm

Principal's Report: Ms. Anderson

- Opt-in period will begin 4/26. All opt-in families will be notified of class/teacher assignment by 4/21/21. School is able to follow all safety guidelines
- Pre-k students (in person) now will have the option to join 5 days in building
- Grade 2 personnel will have some changes, TBA
- Parent Coordinator was cleared by DOE and will start on Wednesday 4/28/21
- First classroom closure is nearing end of quarantine protocol. School continues to follow all health and safety protocols.
- Outdoor space has been used more across the grades
- School requesting PA to purchase specialized chairs for outdoor student learning (vote today)
- End of year activities being planned for each grade-- more information to follow
- Photo survey on Konstella- further clarification to follow tomorrow

Minutes from March

- 100% approved

President's Report

- Elections for SLT and PA Executive Board elections coming soon.
 - All PA and SLT seats are open. Only qualification to run/join is to have a student in PS889. Major initiative to develop PA and SLT that reflects the school's diverse community.
- City bus stop proposal: Town hall meeting will be scheduled soon, in conjunction with PS890. Date TBA.

Treasurer's Report

- Deposits: Received part of the money from Read-A-Thon (comes in 2 parts)
- Expenses: Some projected expenses may not be used/needed (across various committees), leaving a higher than projected balance to start next year.
- Current balance: \$10, 284

New Business

- Request for PA to purchase 40 foldable chairs for outside learning:
 - Each student chair costs \$36 for a total of \$1469.60.
 - Vote approved for PA to purchase chairs (19 yes, 2 no)
- PS889 Give Back Campaign: Kids and teachers will be making signs with biodegradable materials to be hung in the community (smile more, recycle, etc.) Asking for parent volunteers to hang posters around community- Sign-up sheet and more information to follow.

Old Business

- School pictures will be in-person on May 5th.
 - Pictures will be available for both in person and remote. Remote students will be given a time-slot. If a student is unable to take the picture, Stomping Grounds will host re-

remote sessions. To learn more about remote pictures, see video posted on Konstella announcement.

- Picture survey sent out on 4/20 to help determine how many students will get pictures in-person vs. remote.
- PA will cover all remote fees for all students.

*****Collective moment of silence for all of our community and family members whose lives are affected by racial and social injustices*****

Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee

- Next RESJ meeting on 5/6/21 to discuss next steps for the school year
- RESJ has been a success in helping the school community grow and has made a positive impact. Members are appreciated for such hard work!

Fundraising & Events Committee

- This year was focused on supporting RESJ and continues to support the mission
- Wellness fair will not occur this year
- Committee will support school with end of the year events

Grants Committee

- Current grant proposals in the works include: garden, sensory gym and makers space and more. For more detailed information and/or to volunteer support, contact PA or grants committee directly and join upcoming grants committee meeting Thursday April 29th.

SLT- Nat Borland

- NIA still has free virtual afterschool availability. Information was sent to Konstella. If need further information contact PA or SLT.
- As school grows, additional funding becomes available. Option to add more positions. Considering hiring STEM cluster teacher and/or maker space to run activities and/or use of a science lab.
- Over 100 families on Kindergarten waitlist for next year! Word is out about PS889!
- 5 positions available for SLT in June. More information to follow. Reach out to Nat for more information if needed.

Adjourned: 7:26pm