

PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes November 17, 2020

Call to order: 6:36 p.m.

Principal's Report: Ms. Anderson

- Transition to blended is now closed. Remote classes will be smaller.
- New substitute teachers will be supporting full-time teachers.
- Enrichment
 - CMOM science program. Would be once a month, all-remote, from January to June. Quote is \$29,500. The school is prepared to spend \$20k, asking PA for \$9,500. If the PA can't do that, the school can try to negotiate down.
 - Ifetayo, cultural dance program. The school has never had a dance program.
 - NIA could potentially do enrichment as well as virtual afterschool.
- Budget: School will not suffer any substantial hit for register loss.
- Parent Coordinator update
 - Fruitless search continues. Interviewed additional candidates, still have vacancy.
- Hot lunch: We can't bring it back because it can't be served into classrooms. Currently not staffed to be in the lunch room.

Ifetayo presentation by Tamara Thomas, director of arts education programs

- Program would introduce African-centered pedagogy with vocal classes as well as capoeira. 10:1 student/teacher ratio.

Approval of minutes from October 27, 2020 election meeting

- Approved 100%

New Business

- Enrichment. The school is asking the PA to pay \$25k to fund CMOM and Ifetayo.
- Vote 1: Increase enrichment budget to \$25,180 to fund both programs
 - Yes, 96%. No, 4%. (Approved)
- Vote 2: PA resolves to ask Ms. Anderson to attempt to renegotiate to reduce cost.
 - Yes, 79%, 21%. (Approved)

Treasurer's Report - Meghan Finn

- Initial enrichment budget was \$10k. Voting now to increase that by ~\$15k
- Income projections were conservative and have already been surpassed.
- Spending less on iPads than projected.
- There is enough budget to approve both enrichment programs with some left over.

Committee Reports

- Fundraising & Events - Piyali + Tracy
 - A new fundraising campaign is coming for a relief fund.

Adjourned: 7:51 p.m.