

**PS 889 Parents Association General Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2020**

**Call to order: 7:30 p.m.**

**Approval of minutes from November 17, 2020 General Meeting**

- Approved unanimously

**SLT Report — Nat**

- Last SLT meeting was dominated by 5-day-learning.
- All parents can observe SLT meetings. If your question or issue isn't addressed, or if you disagree with what's being said, you can set up a one-on-one with SLT members or post it in the chat.
- Contact: slt.ps889@gmail.com
- If the weather is bad, schools will go remote (as opposed to closing entirely).

**Fundraising & Events Committee — Piyali and Tracy**

- Just closed out auction. Raised close to \$2k.
- Annual fundraiser: Close to \$14k of \$20k goal, not including the auction.
- There's still room if parents want to join the committee! It only happens if you participate.
- Planning several events: Read-a-thon for Black History Month. Wellness fair in the spring. Women's history month. Trying to be conscious of the other ethnic months.
- January will be a planning month.
- Talking to PA members about school photos.

**Motion: to set aside money for a staff gift**

- It should be for all building staff, including not just teachers but cafeteria and security staff.
- PA will also make an option on Konstella for parents who'd like to donate additional money for staff gifts.
- Vote: "Approving up to \$1000 for a staff Thank You"
  - Approved unanimously.

**Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee — Natalia and Femi**

- Survey of school community completed
  - 49 people participated
  - 6.3% had issues with technology
  - 21% of families not on Konstella.
    - Have proposed a parent WhatsApp group.
  - 63% of parents want hands-on materials for enrichment versus
  - Visual arts, science and tech, performing arts are leading categories for enrichment
  - Approximately 25 families identified as in need of financial help.
    - \$6,200 for Families for Flatbush Relief. Goal was to give \$300 to each family but was a little short. The charity gave the rest. Funds to be distributed this week.
- Book giveaway preceding in January in coordination with the school.
- Antiracism training going ahead soon. Working with vendors to identify the best options.
- RESJ committee meets 1st Thursday of every month, all PA members welcome.

**Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.**