

Parents' Association of P.S. 889

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PA Meeting Minutes – October 30, 2018

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:10 AM
- II. Venue: PS 889 Library at 4th Floor
- III. Meeting Minutes (Neelum Aftab)
Minutes from September 25, 2018 meeting posted and approved by PA members
- IV. Principal's Report (Ms. Anderson)
 - a) Arts Connection
 - i. Theatre person "Sarah" is coming for all grades, for 15 weeks (Thursdays and Fridays)
 - ii. Visual Arts teacher (for 10 weeks residency) has started working with Ms Kung in art room.
 - iii. In-class working group with parents are coming soon (Start in Jan-June 2019),
 - b) Cook shop- children are learning to shop and prepare food (Ms Ali, Ms Nodo and Ms Luback do this Food prep workshop)
 - c) Lunch Buck Program: students get star bucks – this is for students character education and classroom collaboration
 - d) Publishing party was a success
 - e) Mystery Readers – Parents are coming already and all are welcome to sign up and come read with kids in class.
- V. President's Report (Alix Boyle & Lauren Volkmer)
 - a) New committees are been set up
 - b) School Photos – Dec 17, 2018
 - i. Stomping Ground is chosen – parents can chose to print, order once the see their child picture.
 - c) NIA –afterschool concerns
 - i. AdHoc committee – researching program
- VI. SLT Report (William Mauck)
 - a) Five Parents and Five faculty members organize the direction to enrichment program. Principle and Ms Noto are the members.
 - b) For NIA- parents send emails and raise concerns
 - c) For Enrichment NIA – Athlete program should be added
 - d) Homework survey was done and results will come soon- Main concern was to Reduce Homework
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a) Grants Committee (Carl Smith)

- i. Meet with parents and re-apply grants already in place like Garden grants
 - ii. New grants for next year – Parents are welcome for new ideas (Social Justice/ Houses)
- b) Garden Committee (Jinky Nogales)
 - i. Gardening will start soon- A community based gardening day will be decided upon weather permissible Nov 9, 16 Friday or Nov 17, 2018 Saturday
 - ii. To prepare grounds, we need to enrich soil and we have last year seeds available
 - iii. For Spring- Nature based program, will make things ready
- c) Field Trip Committee (Yoko Anderson)
 - i. For Pre-K, guests' visits and for Kindergarten and First graders, outdoors field trips will be planned.
 - ii. Ms Ali and Ms. Prokesch will assist to field trip committee
 - iii. Nature Company and Liberty Science will be invited
 - iv. A list of places to visit was presented to PA to select the best for this year.
- d) Fund Raising Committee (Ben Anderson)
 - i. Many plans are in the list to do this year other than arranging events. Proposed plans were:
 - 1. Auction online – Meghan and Cathy
 - 2. Food events- Emalia
 - 3. Amazon Smile – Donate Money and Holiday Shopping
 - 4. Winter Concert
- e) Events Committee (Akilah Allum)
 - i. Nov 2, 2018 will be the first Movie night
 - ii. Things have been arranged for this event
- f) Communication Committee (Neelum Aftab)
 - i. Parent Directory should be made as soon as possible.
 - ii. Follow up notices should be sent again to the parents.
 - iii. For Website and Social media, active members are needed to participate.

VIII. Treasurer's Report (Chris Confessore)

- a. Current \$9,349.95 balance
- b. For events, Reimbursement form is available online
- c. Piano tuning – voted Yes to spend money only if needed.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8: 08 AM