

## Parents Association of P.S. 889

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PA Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2019

- i. **Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.**
- ii. **Venue: PS 889 Library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor**
- iii. **Meeting minutes**

Unanimous approval of 9/24/19 meeting minutes.

- iv. **President's report**

Breakfast volunteering has been successful. Informed parents that they can sign up on Konstella.

Parent pastry event with mini Konstella workshop on Weds Nov. 13 after drop-off.

- v. **Treasure's report**

The only expenditure was \$599 to upgrade Konstella account, set up with Stripes so that donations can be accepted (money came out of communications/social media budget.)

A Google doc has been created for reimbursements and funding requests (for vendors.) Adam will assist with acquiring donations from companies.

- vi. **SLT Report**

Cochair of SLT;

Ms Anderson asked PA to consider two funding items; a sign for the front of the school and an aide for lunch and recess next year.

Parent feedback for recess: a down time/free time possible for children? Right now too structured.

After school programs: there's still an NIA waiting list because the organization isn't fully staffed and so they cannot accept additional children.

Parents want more information/resources on how math is now taught. School intends to create a workshop event for parents on math and early literacy.

Parents should share concerns they want put on the SLT meeting agenda via Konstella.

- vii. **Communications Committee**

Focusing on getting family directory complete. PA is working to maximize the usage of Konstella, working to streamline communication from the school onto the app.

### **Fundraising committee report**

The annual giving campaign has started and will end EOY. Goal is \$10K, and to spend \$100 per student on trips and experiences, which the school does not have the budget for.

Spring will have Read-a-thon, a raffle and auction. Seeking people who can donate services for raffle, camps can donate a week's tuition.

Seeking members for grant writing committee.

### **Events committee**

November 8 – Movie Night. Seeking volunteers to help with logistics.

### **Field trips**

Wishlists have been received from classes and plan is being finalized.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade going on field trip this week. 1<sup>st</sup> grade next week.

After school: Brooklyn Nature day on Mondays. Program teacher picks up students at 2:30 and brings them to the park. Unstructured exploration and playing. Yoko will notify parents when winter sign up is available.

### **Gardening committee**

Seeking volunteers for Parent Task force on November 5<sup>th</sup> to help with landscaping.

## **viii. Principal's report**

November 18<sup>th</sup> 6pm - Town hall hosted at PS 889 by assembly man Robert Carroll and NYC dept. of transportation to discuss traffic and other issues.

December 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 66<sup>th</sup> precinct town hall here. Build a block meeting.

Arts Connection program started this week and will end in May. Grades 1&2 currently participating, Pre-K and K will participate in the next cycle. There will be grade wide celebrations.

Farmer Fred nature-based program worked with PA gardening committee last spring, but we don't have funding for this year.

Landscaper who wants to donate time in service of the building (currently works with middle school) seeks volunteers for Parent task force on election day. Basic weeding.

Morning Drop-off - When driving, be mindful of school buses when pulling up in front of the school. Busses need direct access to building. Be careful with driving through KFC parking lot.

In class Halloween event – each teacher 7<sup>th</sup> period. Costumes allowed, no masks. A craft will be done then a little parade.

All classes will perform in a concert with gratitude theme. Tentative Date November 26<sup>th</sup> with a 1pm show and 6pm show.

Busing – Ms. Browning has a list and is contacting parents about eligibility. No busing for afterschool participants.

## **ix. New Business**

Chris – Billboard/new sign – does anyone want to work on this? Contact PA.

Please fill out lunch forms for funding. Potential to receive Title 1 designation and funding.

Good feedback on Konstella

Parent interested in starting parent led Spanish language afterschool program.

Parent interested in functional bike rack.

## **x. Meeting adjourned at 7:30**