

Parents' Association of P.S. 889

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PA Meeting Minutes – April 30, 2019

- I. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:38 PM
- II. Venue: PS 889 Library at 4th Floor
- III. Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019 were posted and approved by PA members
- IV. President's Report (Alix Boyle)
 - a) Field trips have been completed; this was a big success and increased the number of field trip and guest visit experiences for our students.
 - b) Story Pirates was approved in our March meeting. Story pirates will send two staff members to each of our classes to write a story as a classroom. Story Pirates will then rework 3-5 of the classroom stories into a play performance and will return June 19th to showcase 3-5 of the stories.
 - c) Elections are scheduled for our May meeting. Stay tuned for a backpack notice from the Nominating Committee. Please come to the May meeting to place your vote as well.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Chris Confessore)
 - a) Current cash is \$11,944.66
 - b) This total does not reflect recent approved spending, including Story Pirates and risers.
- VI. SLT Report
 - a) Lead was found in an unused 3rd floor classroom sink. The school is flushing the water (running the faucets) and will have the water retested.
 - b) There will be no NIA afterschool the final week of school (6/24-6/26).
 - c) NIA will cap at 60 students next year so the school is investigating other after school programs, including Ezra, Kids Orbit, and CAMBA.
 - d) It was discussed in the SLT that this was the final year of a shared MS 890 and PS 889 musical performance due to class size.
- VII. Principal's Report (Ms. Anderson)
 - a) There are currently 65 pre-registered Kindergarten students for next year, already exceeding our 50-student target. This year the school was able to open up registration to students out off zone. 65 pre-registered students currently put the Kindergarten grade at 3 classes. Registration and wait lists need to be finalized. Currently, next year's student population has more special education students.
 - b) Story pirates were booked for June 19th.
 - c) The open house is scheduled for 5/15 from 4:30-7:30. This is more of a showcase and not a one-on-one parent/teacher conference.

VIII. Committee Reports

a) Garden Committee

These students painted the large planters for our science program, Nature based. Planting will take place next. The painting day was very successful and the planters look great.

b) Communication Committee

We are sending monthly newsletter and for quick messaging “Konsteila” app is chosen for next year communications, also we are improving our website.

c) Grants:

We are hopeful to win Arts Connection grant this year too.

d) Events

May 7 will be the Teacher’s Breakfast by PA; Parent Pastry is postponed in June. Health Fair will be the main event coming up; it will be on June 9 from 1-4pm. Main focus will be on Health & Lifestyle, vendors from neighborhood will be there, baseball, soccer, Aerialists, karate and performances; Nutritionist will be there – No charge it will be a free event. More updates are coming up.

e) Fund Raising (Ben Anderson)

Spring concert generated \$500. We will not be doing online auction this year and we will check feasibility next year. We will be doing Raffle at wellness fair.

IX. New Business

1. Budget/Audit committee: 3-5 parents volunteer to check Transparency in calculations and make plans for next year.
2. Three votes yes for distributing duties of secretary into Recording secretary and Corresponding secretary – approved for bylaws.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM