



General PTA Meeting

Minutes: September 21, 8:45 AM

Facilitated by Co-Presidents // Minutes taken by Co-Secretaries

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN ENGLISH WITH LIVE SPANISH TRANSLATION

Sorybel (Spanish Translation) Galina Appell (Russian Translation)

- 1. 8:45 am Call to Order – Lauren, Co-President (10 min)**
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Approve meeting minutes from June 23 Meeting (didn't do)
 - c. ATTENDANCE: 58 parents!

- 2. PTA Recap of activities - Krissy, Co-President (5 min)**
 - a. September
 - i. Events:
 1. PTA Breakfast for teachers and staff
 2. Meet the Staff Night
 3. Early Childhood Welcome Picnic
 - b. Fundraising: Direct Appeal funds TA training
 - c. Donation Efforts: Uniform donations for swap

- 3. Overview of year ahead - Enzo, Co-President (5 min)**
 - a. Calendar of events volunteer form
 - b. Class parents
 - c. Blue cards

- 4. Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities, Co-Presidents (10 min)**
 - a. September 29 - Spirit Day: Be You!
 - b. Uniform Swap, 10/6
 - i. Drop off items at main entrance (near security) between now and 10/5
 - ii. 5 volunteers needed: set-up, distribute clothes and clean up, 1:30-4:00PM
 - iii. Uniform Swap: 2:35-3:30 (After school families who can't attend; can send requests to pta.president@ps145m.org)
 - c. Lemonade Stand
 - i. 5 volunteers needed, 10am
 - ii. Donations needed, ie cookies, brownies, cupcakes
 - iii. Friendship bracelet making, Monday 10/16 after school in courtyard to see at stand

- 5. Healing Ambassador Update - Saul Robbins (5min)**
 - a. Assembly member Danny O'Donnell gave \$30K grant to fund a new Mental Health Wellness, and Self Care program for the 2023-2024 school year. Parents were requested to fill out an anonymous survey to design a unique program for parents and kids



6. Budget Update - Co-Treasurers (5 min)

- a. Shared drive has income and expenses, transferred funds to TA assistants
- b. \$100-\$110K in account
- c. Voted for budget allocation from TA training and Scholastic Book Fair funds during short Sept. 2023 PTA voting meeting

7. Jill Rackmill, PS145 liaison from the CEC3, gave her contact, jill@cec3.org and invited parents to join CEC3 meetings, to sign up for CEC3 alerts, events

8. State of the School + Q&A in English & Spanish, School Leadership Team (25 min)

a. Dr. Garcia presentation: introduced assistant principals; welcome

- i. **Curriculum news:** Curriculum mapping completed through Nov. (1 person from every grade, plans for 3 months, then reconvene and make adjustments to curriculum—Reading, writing, math, social studies, ELA); Will meet in Nov. for next 2 months; Reading level assessments grade 1-5 happening now, dual language classes will be assessed also, English and Spanish and Russian; Math assessments being administered, baseline, I-ready screener, used cross the district, Oct. and Sept. books of the month; meetups for emotional assessments in mornings in class; PBIS will continue (pos. Behavioral intervention system, not focusing on negative, modeling and exemplifying positive behavior); K-2 Iready math and 3-5 Iready for math and ELA; 2 new assistant principals; Veronica Chan is Spanish dual language coordinator, Ms. Rsaci is TV and media teacher
- ii. **Attendance:** PS145 identified as a school with chronic absentee-ism and therefore, we will be participating in Project Pivot, extra funding to get students into the school regularly; plan to have attendance incentives, for most improved awards, prizes/incentives to Sesame Place; Funding has been received; Also bring kids to school on time!!
- iii. Continuing to receive families from South America and Eastern Europe; Hispanic history month is ongoing now;
- iv. Thank teachers for coming in person for back to school night
- v. **YMCA after school, Frederick Douglass, soccer and chess:** 560 kids but still only 100 spots for YMCA; After school will be a priority—committee of parents to find free after school program opportunities so that all children at PS145 can benefit from them
 1. Arrangement that for every certain number of children that pay, others get to go for free
- vi. **STATE TEST SCORES:** ELA scores, proficiency, on or above grade level is at 42%; on and above math is 43%; versus in 2013, proficiency was 9% and 11%, respectively;



vii. Emergency readiness

viii. Student discipline code: Infractions, the older the child, the more serious the infraction is; ex. hitting, leaving the class, touching someone in the wrong way, saying inappropriate things; discipline code starts with guidance

1. When kids are at PS145, Dr. Garcia is the mother and the teachers are the parents, staff and teachers do not need permission to talk to the child about something that transpired at school, it is an obligation to talk to the student as soon as something happens; We know how to speak to the child; fact finding to make sure an incident does not repeat; conflict resolution and speak to guidance counselor and then parent gets called

ix. Blue cards– Please submit blue cards!

x. Need volunteers for spanish translation for chef Victoria classes, NYCSA–reach out to Ms Ramirez or Mr. Abreu for assistance;

xi. Guidance counselor: Mayela Remi Maror; looking to bring a social worker in as the prior one retired; no walk ins, have mandated children but also see children at risk; if something going on at home that may impact their child,

9. Adjournment

- a. **Next steps: meeting minutes circulated**
- b. How to contact us: pta.president@ps145m.org