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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUDGET MEETING

Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:30 AM, Zoom Meeting

DRAFT TO BE APPROVED AT JANUARY 21, 2020 Meeting

I. Call to Order

Co-President Ms. Kim called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.
A QUORUM was established.

II. Approval of Minutes from October PTA Meeting

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on October 15, 2020 was made by Ms. Kim. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Polimeni. The minutes were passed with one abstention.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on October 29, 2020 was made by Ms. Kim. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Polimeni. The minutes were passed with two abstentions.

III. President Update

- Ms. Polimeni reported that she will be attending monthly SLT meetings. SLT sets the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals for ELA, Math, and School Climate, along with an action plan to reach these goals.
- The ELA and Math goals this year are to keep test scores from dropping despite the unusual school year.

IV. School Reports

- Principal Debra Mastriano
 - Ms. Mastriano reported that 2 cohorts will continue once back to school.
 - Some TAs are working as substitutes. TAs will provide essential assistance in the remote schooling set up.
 - Ms. Mastriano is working on the Social Emotional curriculum.
 - She will be meeting with staff about how to make morning meetings more cohesive in the building.
 - She will let us know if any staff are changing and that this is a possibility.
- Parent Coordinator Deb Markewich
 - Ms. Markewich asked parents to set up a NY student account.
 - Middle school information will be sent out as soon as she gets it.
 - The families that recently switched from remote to blended will get a letter stating the cohort their child will be in.
 - 100% negative results in our covid testing of kids. Almost every teacher and TA got tested.
 - No information is available yet for Kindergarten & G&T applications. State tests are planned for the spring.

V. CEC D3 Update by Ms. Kim Wakins, President of CEC D3, Former parent at PS166.

- Information is not available for the closing of schools.
- The CEC held a special meeting to discuss encouraging the DoE to allow additional opt-in windows for students.
- An online event is being set up with all middle school principals to share information with parents.
- Parents' next steps should be to advocate for our kids and continue to press for transparency.
- Special education - The DoE isn't giving enough resources to schools for special education services.
- Chancellor Carranza is coming to D3 for town hall meeting on Dec 2.
www.CEC3.org
- Reach out to Ms. Watkins at kwatkins@cec3.org with any concerns.

VI. PTA Reports

- Vice President and Committee Updates:
 - Volunteers and Events - Ms. Petersen reported on the pie sale, classical music assembly and asked for parent volunteers for additional assemblies.
 - Ms. Ray reported that Auction will be up to get holiday gifts.
 - VP Fundraising - Mr. Franceschi reported on pledges received. He further explained how fundraising helps in supporting TAs and fills in DOE funding gaps. Email: fundraising@ps166pta.org; Family Giving campaign: <https://166.formstack.com/forms/familygiving>.
 - VP Grants - Ms. Savov reported that participatory grant funding and capital funding was cancelled last year. She is working towards a wellness grant and sustainability grant and will know results by February. Parents should pass on information on any grants they know of.
 - Treasurer - Mr. Kolb reported that two air conditioners were replaced.
 - Green and Inclusion Committees - Mr. Josh Weinberger, co-chair, reported about the recent bulb planting event. He thanked everyone for stepping up and participating in the Green Committee and encouraged others to join in too.
 - Other updates - Giving Tuesday is on December 1, 2020.

VII. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on December 17, 2020. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary