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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria

APPROVED AT OCTOBER 15th, 2020 Meeting

- I. Call to Order
Co-President Ms. Polimeni called the meeting to order at 8:38 pm.
A QUORUM was established.
- II. Approve Minutes from November 2019 PTA Meeting
A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on January 20, 2020 was made by Ms. Polimeni. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Josh Weinberger. The minutes were passed unanimously.
- III. President Updates
 - A. Census reminder - Important to fill it out as the funding our school gets and the funding the community gets depends on this.
 - B. Library and Tech lab construction updates - Mostly rewiring, should not disrupt the class. The construction work will be happening only on weekends. Construction will start this week. Should be done in summer but can't be sure if it would be done by then. New books will keep coming into the classroom. Possibility of increasing parent reading in the classroom.
 - C. Budget and feedback meetings - Going to have meetings for the PTA budget on March 11 and 12.
 - D. Lice Check - To have another one after April break
 - E. Movie Night - Thanked co-chairs, reported it was successful and announced that there could be another one in May.
- IV. Assistant Principal Anov Cohen
During transitions between recess and lunch we have different school aids helping out. School Social Worker Ms. Michelle Macdonald is also monitoring the kids during these transitions. TAs are there and are trained too.
- V. Parent Coordinator Update - Deborah Markewich
 - Parent teacher conference scheduling will open up at 12 pm February 14, 2020
 - Science Fairs 3rd grade to 5th grade, February 14, 2020
 - March 13th 2020 Science fair for grades K-2 at 8:45 am
 - PALP Feb 28, for grades 3 to 5
 - 3rd grade show Feb. 27th

- District 3 spelling bee: The two 4th grade winners will be taking part. It's a free Saturday event that kids can attend.
- Parents should all fill out the DoE survey in the green envelope at parent-teacher conferences.
- Grades 3 to 5, student led conferences - Ms. Cohen spoke about the progress reports families will be receiving. She explained that during student-led conferences the students are going to show what they are working on and what they are going to next be working on.
- The Amplify science curriculum is going well. All classrooms have full and new libraries in the classrooms, keep supplementing books too.
- Discussed the recycling program.

VI. Guidance Counselor / Social Emotional Program - Michelle MacDonald

- Ms. MacDonald discussed the various social emotional programs in the school, including the Ruler program, the development of a Classroom Charter, taking a “Meta Moment”, a “Word of the Month”, and filling out Blueprints for emotional reflection.
- A student council with 6 students was created. Students submitted application forms, gave speeches and got voted in by peers.
- Students are not working on 100th day of school and Valentine's day cards If a student is being physically attacked then please email or contact, cc'ing the principal, parent coordinator and supridentendant.

VII. PTA and Committee Updates:

- A. Fundraising - Mr. Skelton gave an update.
- B. Treasurer - Mr. Kolb and Ms. Lin - Financial We are 86% towards our fundraising goal, and 10% towards our matching goal. Budget work for 2020-21 will start in March. Grants and SLT - Ms. Savov updated on all the grants she is working on.
- C. Volunteers and Events - Ms. Petersen reported about the possibility of a weekend book fair at Book Culture. Won't be doing the dance event instead will be having the movie night again. Will have Family Fitness in May along with Broadway Sings and Auction.
- D. Green Committee / Corporate Sponsors - Mr. Weinberger reported
 - Please check Lost and Found
 - Textile recycling on Thursdays.
 - The Mabel Labels program gives back 20% to the PTA.
 - Fobs were given out by Fairway, with a percent of purchases going to PS 166 PTA.
 - We are an Eco school that needs to be consistent in what we are teaching to our kids.
 - Earth day in May.
 - Email us to reach out at green@ps166pta.org.
- E. Inclusion Committee - Ms. Natasha Cipolli & Ms. Ursula Abbott spoke about the Special Education committee in District 3. Reported that the first meeting was well attended last month.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- A. Auction: March 21, 7:00pm-11:00pm - Co-Chair, Amie Ray reported that it's the biggest fundraiser and that they are looking for donations from local businesses and restaurants.

She told everyone to check the auction website to see what's already been donated.
Additionally she asked everyone to reach out to HR at their places of employment to check on matching donations.


B. Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, March 19, 8:30am

C. Budget and feedback meetings - March 4th and 11th

IX. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was
adjourned at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary