# PS24 PA Meeting Minutes May 16, 2018

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:50 –** D. Salanto

# Approval of April Minutes

* + Suggestion to change language about term limits
  + Change will be made and re-submitted

# Principals’ Report

* + No Principals Report – Mr. Schwartz and Ms. Amster not in attendance
  + Florence Byrne not in attendance either

# Co Presidents’ Report – Laura Moukas and Diane Salanto

* + Discussion about the Future PA approach
    - PA needs to support teachers and the administration – best idea is to figure out a way to make it work
  + Quality Review this week – DOE comes to the school to observe a variety of things, tour school, spend time with parents, administration, teachers, etc. Questions are asked about how parents feel about teachers, homework, among other things.
    - Parents are typically invited – Laura was asked to observe, but no info about who else is joining or which parents were asked
    - First time PA has not been notified or asked to help pick parents for Quality Review
  + Question about whether or not we could or should move over to a PTA
    - Biggest issues is parents and teachers would then share control of the money.

# Financial Report – N. Levinson

* + Highlights
    - Graduation fund – dues collected from all but approx. 5 kids. Great response overall.
    - Auction $11K net
    - Yearbook doing well and Ads are selling
    - Last month funds were used to subscribe to discovery online which includes tech books, online videos
    - Plant Sale raised $3K – did very well. The kids were all very excited about it.
    - Discussion on class projects and how money could be spent. Suggestion to do Butterflies for every class. Majority of parents felt this was a good use of excess money. Perhaps butterflies for all or maybe butterflies for younger kids and worms for older kids.

# Sounding Board

* + Spring/Summer issues will distribute right before end of school – content will include auction, teacher playdates, field trips, reports on class projects. Parents are asked to send pictures [ps24soundingboard@gmail.com.](mailto:ps24soundingboard@gmail.com)

# SLT

* + Discussion at SLT meeting on changing the time moving forward. It looks like it will remain at the same time which is difficult for parents
  + Teachers and staff do not want to change the time - the comment was that this is the way it’s always been done at PS24
  + Decision will go to arbitration

# Nominations – L. Dua-Swartz

* + Positions include: President, Co President, 3 VPs, Treasurers, Financial Secretary,

Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary

o Co-Presidents are not required but you have to run as a pair of you want to do Co- Presidents

* + Nominations:
    - Cristin Messinger nominated for VP Fundraising by Talia Horan Block. Seconded by Eileen Bowden.
    - Nessa Levinson nominated for Co-President by Laura Moukas. Seconded by Talia Horan Block.
    - Bob Heisler nominated for Co-President by Laura Moukas. Seconded by Diane Salanto
    - Michelle Montoya-Goldman volunteered for Treasurer. Seconded by Nessa Levinson
    - Alex Jimenez volunteered for Financial Secretary. Seconded by Laura Moukas
    - Diane Salanto volunteered for VP Membership. Seconded by Nessa Levinson
    - Wendi Shulman nominated Eileen Bowden for VP Publications. Seconded by Marsha Moona.
    - Talia Horan Block nominated Deborah Weitz for Corresponding Secretary. Seconded by Wendi Shulman
    - Wendi Shulman volunteered for Recording Secretary. Seconded by Diane Salanto.
  + Motion to close Nominations – Laura
  + All voted to close nominations – 21 YES

# Springfest – Laura and Diane

* + Bounce house, DJ, petting zoo with llamas, parking spots saved with cones
  + Food: Hospitality getting all the food, same menu, donated food
  + Cristin will do online sign up
  + Springfest will be in the yard and inside
  + Need volunteers for food serving
  + We will do baskets again – similar to last year

# Meeting adjourned: 9:10

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