**PS 24 PA General Meeting**

**April 19, 2017**

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:40 pm, by L. Moukas and D. Salanto

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

* Motion to Approve: D. Weitz
* Vote: No objections; No abstentions

**Financial Report, N. Levinson:**

* Total for auction: $28,500, netted ~ $20k, slightly over boo bash
* Book Fair: Made $4400 this year, similar to last year, carried $3500 in profits, carry all over to next year for teachers can use in Sept. for teachers who move rooms so they can restock their classroom libraries
* Incentives: percentage of rewards the same at 25%; good reviews for new vendor
* Collecting money for yearbook, ~$2400 right now
* School enrichment program – big discrepancies between spending and use: for field trips, supplies, etc.
* Need to use funds; carrying over funds is are ok, but we are supposed to spend down year by year
* Spend down: Purchasing Polyspots for floors in lieu of rugs: We bought for Kindergarten classes but will expand that to all grades at the cost of $1000 per grade
* Grades who used enrichment funds include: Kindergarten (spots and Greenburgh Nature Center trip); 4th grade (two classes going to Phillipsburgh Manor), other grades haven’t yet
* Mini grants per class: still have money left and are more class specific
* Parents should ask teachers to use
* Final TA payments made carries us through mid-June

**Principal’s Report: S. Schwartz**

* Next year, pending budget:
	+ Clusters : Same: instead of 3 science teachers, we’ll have 1; instead of 2 visual arts teachers, have 1; keep Data, E&L teacher
	+ Bringing on instructional coaches: 1 lit coach for 3-5 grades; currently have 2 serving K-2; 2 math coaches
	+ If had to prioritize: math coach will be K-2; b/c we are working towards departmentalizing 3-5th grades:
		- Departmentalizing: Pilot 2 classes in 4th and 5th grade in 2017-2018: 1 teacher for math, 1 for ELA;
		- Have kids move from their math class to the English language arts classroom to: get used to middle school approach, and to allow teachers to own and customize their rooms for that subject
		- Goal to expand to 3-5th grades eventually
	+ Want to bring Alegebra for All program to school the year after next year; can only do with excellent math teachers.
	+ Also changing math curriculum entirely
	+ Departmentalization to start in 2 classes in 4th grade and and 2 in 5th; Maaybe expand to 2nd grade the following year
* Floor plan:
	+ Smallest classrooms used by biggest students
	+ Will move Kindergarten classes downstairs (mostly: 1-2nd grade class on 1st floor, etc.)
	+ It’s a pain to move classes around but we want to do now so long-term we won’t have as many changes from year to year
* Revamping afterschool program entirely:
	+ Don’t think current share school’s philosophy and vision academically, social or emotionally
	+ Will still use Riverdale Y!
	+ Our teachers will provide instruction and support and paid per session rate by the Y!
	+ Can sign up a la carte as long as sign up for enrichment, plus phys ed, art, etc.
	+ Other after school pick ups will not be at school, parents will need to figure out pick-ups / transport
	+ Current system of multiple pick-ups is taking away instructional time at end of day
	+ Cost slightly higher but not much more than current Y! aftercare program
	+ Teachers participating will be vetted through Schwartz
	+ May 17 info rollout
* May 24: Open safety meeting of the year:
	+ Present safety procedures protocols during May PA mtg at 6:30 and post info on the website

**PA Bylaws: D. Salanto and L. Moukas**

* Updating bylaws per the Chancellor’s regs
* Our Bylines were out of compliance
* Jan 19 Chancellor posted updated master / template document and regulations
* Committee amendments:
	+ Article 4 Sec’n 2: Term limits: currently two consecutive years; then can only run if uncontested
	+ Proposed:
		- Amend to increase to 3 consecutive years: why: first year your learning; second you are off and running, then at third then you can mentor and groom the team for the following year
		- Article 4 Sec’n 3: Currently 3 VPs, can take the place of a president
			* Proposed a VP co chair a standing committee: budget, etc.
		- Article 4 Sec’n 4: Election timeframe: Previously in May; Proposing that nominations are taken in April and May meetings and elections held in June, in line with regs, regs say elections by June 15; SLT elections to be held immediately following, can do as special expedited election
		- Article 6: Quorum for PA Mtg: Regs state 2 exec board and 6 parents needed to have a meeting; propose to match regulations
		- Article 5 Sec’n 1: Exec Board: Makeup of Exec Board: Currently officers, grade reps and committee chairs, about 30 pple
			* Proposed: Officers, Grade Reps and Standing Committee Chairs and give them voting rights as Exec Board
				+ Have about 13 people on Executive Board
		- Need to Adopt Regulatory Updates
		- Amendments adopted by vote, 1 by one, 2/3 majority vote
	+ Vote:
		- E. Bowden motion to adopt Chancellor’s updates
		- 1 abstention, no objections, 30 attendees voted
	+ Agree to vote on amendments at next meeting in May
* PA Officer nominations, L. Moukas and D. Salanto:
	+ Write names to committee members: Christine Mejia - christine.r.mejia@gmail.com; Belkis Tappan - bellatappan@hotmail.com; Liliana Mora - lmora0308@gmail.com
	+ Nominations open this month and next month, close at May meeting
	+ Minimum 10 days prior to election date, provide names of nominees to general membership
	+ Suggestion that class reps send email to classes about nomination process
* **SLT Update: L. Moukas and D Salanto:**
	+ Discussed items covered by S. Schwartz in Principal’s update above
* **Committee Updates:**
	+ Garden Committee, L. Moukas and N. Levinson: Sunday @12 garden clean-up
	+ Afterschool Committee, R. Heisler: Referred to S. Schwartz update
* **Upcoming Events:**
	+ May 8, Sprit Week
	+ May 10, Walk / Scoot to School, but no scooter storage
	+ May 10, Kindergarten read aloud
	+ May 12, Plant sale
	+ June 16, Baseball game vs. PS 81
	+ June 7, Springfest
	+ Dancefest, date TBD
* **Motion to Adjourn** from L. Moukas
	+ All in favor
	+ Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm