**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](mailto:christine.r.mejia@gmail.com); Belkis Tappan - [bellatappan@hotmail.com](mailto: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