**PS 24 PA General Body Meeting**

**March 15, 2017**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:41 PM

**Reading / Approval of Minutes:**

* PA and SLT Elections to be held June 14
* Motion to approve from R. Heisler, seconded by L. Mora
* Vote: all in favor, no objections, no abstentions

**Principal’s report, S. Schwartz:**

Kindergarten Registration:

* First round 138 seats to zoned families
* 15-18 students above what school can hold
* 58 zoned families were then put on a wait list
* Worked with office of student enrollment and superintendent to accept all zoned families, Maribel Hulla
* Preregister the 138 initial students
	+ Take info and hold onto it and not entered in system
	+ Then will be vetted to make sure they are valid by Office of Student Enrollment and Borough Field Support Center
	+ They have received letters giving date and times to preregister
* Then do same process with next 58 families
	+ They will receive letters with date and times to preregister
* There is a plan for 190 seats, although there will be attrition
* Currently 7 sections
	+ 12:1 bridge class
	+ G and T class
	+ ICT class
	+ 3 general ed
	+ These numbers likely to change
* Need to check turning 5 (checking IEPs and making sure there are appropriate placements)

Sustainability of School with Increase in Population:

* 18 month window to address this issue
* Different options:
	+ Stand alone building
	+ Annex
* IA Schwartz and Superintendent Hulla don't want to lose pieces of school such as library due to need for classrooms
* This is not a one year issue and cannot be looked at that way
* Need long term solution, not a short-term issue
	+ IA, Superintendent and local politicians in agreement on this point
* One possible solution: adding on to PS 24 in playground and getting permit to make Spuyten Duyvil park part of the school

Opting Out of State Test

* Sign up sheet in back
* IA Schwartz has a letter prepared for families
* PS 24 can be penalized if 5% of any demographic opt out of testing
	+ With three consecutive years of 5% opt out, DOE can remove Reward School designation (this would be the third year)
	+ Would then implement a Local Assistance Plan (LAP)
* Allowance to opt out of testing will terminate in two years
* IA Schwartz wants test prep to be incorporated into the curriculum, more content based; not focusing solely on the test
* PS 24 teachers get more professional development than any other school
	+ IA Schwartz has spent the last 5-6 week focusing on engaging and rigorous teaching
	+ Teachers were provided feedback across grades
		- Inquiry based
		- Hands-on learning
		- Experiential

Curriculum:

* Keeping Teacher’s College Curriculum
* Removing current math units of study
	+ Next year incorporate different approaches
* Homework should be a child’s way of showing the teacher what they retained

Assistant Principal:

* Ms. Amster has taken on the role of assistant
* Once certification is complete, IA Schwartz will recommend her for AP placement

**Financial Report: L. Moukas**

Auction:

* Went well, but attendance was down so didn’t make as much money
* Thinking about revamping it

Book Fair:

- Made $10,000, keep 25%

**SLT Report: L. Moukas:**

* Still trying to figure out how to assist kindergarten classrooms with seating areas (rugs vs. squares)
* Discussed CEP (comprehensive educational plan) and planning for year’s CEP
* Continued to discuss SLT bylaws

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

* Continuing to work on PA bylaws; making revisions
* Three topics under consideration for changing:
	+ Term limits
	+ Executive Board composition
	+ Defining officer roles, specifically VP
* Goal to have draft for general PA at April meeting

**Nominating Committee:**

* Responsible for soliciting nominations for officer positions
* Also functions as election committee
* Make sure nominations and elections take place appropriately
* Opened the floor for volunteers for Nominating Committee
	+ Belkis Tappan
	+ Christine Mejia
	+ Liliana Mora

**C30 Update: L. Moukas and D. Salanto:**

* C30 process completed
* Information being processed at Central

**Upcoming Events: L. Moukas and D. Salanto**

Movie Night:

* Deciding on whether to have it

Teddy Bear Read Alouds**:**

* Children come to school in PJs and teachers read to them
* Funded through extracurricular
* Kindergarten will tentatively take place at next PA meeting 4/19
* First grade tentatively 4/6
* Older grades will be scheduled

**New Business:**

 **-** N/A

**Adjournment:**

* Motion to adjourn by D. Salanto, seconded by H. Makin
* Vote: all in favor, no objections, no abstentions
* Meeting adjourned: 8:54 pm