



PS10 PTA General Meeting Minutes // October 8, 2020

7:33 AM Meeting Called to Order by Heather / Seconded by Julie

- Intro from Heather Volik, PTA President:
 - If you ever need to reach me, you may email me at president@pta.ps10.org, or for general questions email pta@ps10.org & the secretary will route whatever needs to be answered.
 - We will have elections on October 22nd for the PTA e-board. We are still working out details, but it'll be on Zoom. You can put your name in a hat in advance or during the election meeting. It's the same date as the School Leadership Team meeting, time TBD. We will send out a form for you to nominate yourself to run for an office. We love to have as many new people as possible. This has been an amazing parenting experience for me, so please think about it. Reach out to me or the PTA email if you have any questions. We will also have an election info session so you can ask your questions.
 - Weds 10/14 @ 7:30 will be a fundraising meeting (see Konstella for login info). So much of what we do is fundraise, looking for people to come and bring their ideas, and figure out how to raise money this year because we have a lot of needs in our community.
- 6/25 General Meeting Minutes approved
- Principal's Report: Laura Scott
 - We had a great start to the year - K280 opened without a hitch, thanks to the parents & PTA, even had music to encourage the children. Think the parents needed more encouragement than the kids. It was a very nice start to the year. Seeing the beautiful faces energized me for the opening of PS10. Got to see kids I missed so dearly since March. Teachers planned over summer so the curriculum rolled out nicely. Same with PS10, struggled a little with having a nurse because DOE sent us someone whose license wasn't up to date but we now have 2 nurses Melissa Casey from 321 & Sylvia Morris.

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- Hybrid model going smoothly. Many got email regarding 1 positive child case, we sent a Konstella and posted on website the situation, but in brief, we were out in schoolyard and it started to pour, we gathered Kinder into auditorium, there were 60 kids in 500 seat space, 4 or 5 seats and 1 row in between and windows open, we did the same in the cafeteria with 43 3rd graders and administrators, paras, school aides. A parent called from 3rd grade & stated that her whole family was tested and one tested positive, she thinks it's a false positive but we called test & trace at DOE Central and they wanted us to be cautious and quarantine until the family got their 2nd results back and to protect all the kids in our school. At the suggestion of the PTA e-board our social worker Mr. Oramas will have small group meetings to reassure kids about not being able to go to school for a possible medical reason; he is trying to get permission to meet with kids from their parents then meet with them on Zoom to talk them through the experience and address any questions they may have.
- We have a couple challenges that the PTA helps us with, one is after 2 administrators were quarantined, Gary & Barrett, they had to cover 3 lunch periods alone. Kids are great but it can be exhausting. The PTA pulled through and got E3 Sports to start with small group games with the kids, they met and went over the safety precautions and games they should play that kids could be distanced, split up groups into Det. Mayrose Park and school yard.
- Random Testing begins on Friday, 10/9; they may select staff members, 15% of the school community is to be tested, this is mandatory according to CDC and Central DOE, if a teacher doesn't want to get tested they may receive a disciplinary letter. If a parent doesn't want to get their child tested then they have to learn remotely. They want to protect everyone in the building and take every precaution.
- School closures: We are in the yellow zone, and not directly affected by nearby school closures. There was a superintendent's meeting about schools that are closing. Even though we had reservations about opening up, seeing kids and interacting with them is what we wanted to do with our lives, be with kids, share instruction, and so a lot of teachers were very emotional and so were the principals.
- In preparation for a scenario where we do have to switch to all-remote learning, please reach out if you need devices. Anything could happen, we went home in March for the weekend, and then that was it for the rest of the school year.

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- We handed out the science boxes and math workbooks. We are trying to get everything home as quickly as possible.
- Chess started, and we are so excited. Music is starting next week. Jonathan from K280 decided to extend his music ability and cover kindergarten as well. Grades 2 & 4 will be getting music for 20 sessions and the other grades will get 20 sessions each, except kinder which will be covered by Jonathan all year.
- All hybrid families need to fill in the consent form for testing at school, online or paper form.
- Shout out to Nick & Extended Day, when it's raining they came out and gave us tents so we didn't have to go inside, staff was helpful when Gary Nusser & Laura were trying to cover 3 periods of recess.
- Friday from 9am - 11am on 17th street, people can pick up materials for art, science, and math.
- Chess will be run out of Google Classroom for grades 1, 3 and 5.
- Extended Day Report: Nick Moons
 - 2 things: We put in an order for some sizable tents to be installed in the playground and are garnering support from electeds, like Bobby Carroll and Carlos Menchaca, Mike Kelly from custodial staff & Laura Scott will be helping us facilitate, Dept of School Facilities (DSF) needs to OK it through Mike Kelly. They are quite large and will be assets for PTA & school to use going forward.
 - Alex Low, our treasurer, has been spearheading the tent procurement effort.
 - We are running outdoor camp 12-2 and 2-5, 5 days a week. We think it's going rather well, we would like more attendance, if you are holding back or getting used to your schedules. We have vendors coming in, a relationship with Green-Wood Cemetery, there is a 12 week program they put together for us, there's a lot of fun stuff going on.
 - Also offering online enrichment classes, in line with other years, classes meant to expose kids to stuff they don't often get to experience.
 - The important one for us is we have instituted curriculum support, we have qualified vendors for math and ELA, they will be there for you for online tutoring, math help, reading and writing help from experienced educators to supplement and work with you & your kids and with the school's curriculum. Not a lot of people have signed up for it, registration is down. Our relationship with the vendors was predicated on a lot more people signing

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up so we need to get the word out somehow. We can't really understand how low the numbers are, we think it's a great service for the community & are confused as to why the numbers are so low. That said we are looking to try and push out more, get to class parents, PTA and admin to push out. Next Weds & Thurs at 10:30am we are offering a free trial math class. Email extended day to sign up, open to all grades K - 5. It's a way to get the word out and not have to sign up for a full semester and see the quality of teaching and program we put together.

- Treasurer's Report - Jenn Cribbs
 - We will discuss donations, but we are early in the budget cycle. A lot of effort went into reopening and getting vendors in to fill gaps, especially hybrid remote learning days, and recess & activity time.
 - For those asking about Chess, there is also a chess club. There is a fee but they are very generous with scholarships.
 - Screen Share: Budget Presentation (see presentation)
 - Listed out what we purchased for the school.
 - We have to vote on an amendment to the budget. Vote yes/no.
 - We approved \$6,500 but now we need to add more. We were fortunate to get the Brooklyn Conservatory to cover the music program, and could pay for it through the DOE budget system, which opens up the music line for a transfer to the COVID budget safety line.
 - We don't need the \$3K to cover quarterly support so can move that to COVID as well.
 - Vote: We propose moving \$25K from music & 3K from quarterly CPA support to bring COVID safety budget line to \$34,500. Participants overwhelmingly voted "yes."
 - Income and expenses: giving is through direct donations, and some through Amazon Smile & Primary Kids. \$19K. Also a rollover garden grant we can roll over. Income \$22.5K so far this year. We have spent \$20, 880 on expenses on the first slide.
 - K280 donations to date \$11K, spent on COVID safety. K280 is under our budget line, and we need to vote their budget in. Their target is \$25K, it will help if we also give them autonomy on how to spend their budget.

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- Vote to allow K280 to make their fundraising target \$25K and determine how they want to do that in their budget lines. Participants overwhelmingly voted “yes.”
- Ann - Process for questions about budget.
 - On a monthly basis, the PTA works side by side with admin. As you heard with music, there are 2 budgets we can tap into, PTA and school. We maximize what we can do by working together across those lines.
 - We also have a monthly budget approval at the general PTA meeting so things will come to E-board and PTA for a final vote.
 - We want to add 2 things from a process standpoint to hear your concerns how we spend \$\$\$. We'll create a Google form and add it to Konstella to capture ideas from the community about the budget.
 - We also are having a fundraising meeting, we want to be thoughtful about how we are fundraising. It can be appeals, direct sales, and virtual events. Nature of events is different. Meeting is next Wednesday at 7:30 pm, we will send out a zoom link.
- New & Old Business
 - Introducing Ally Koziel, she worked non-stop all summer long in the administration. She says thank you to the PTA, that offers so much support to the administration. Laura is burning the midnight oil as well. We're going to try to get through this.
 - Chess: Every grade will be receiving this. It's great for critical thinking and other skills. The PTA has wanted to make sure it's in the classroom so everyone can learn the basics of chess. Tues & Weds we will have Chess Club, there is a fee, but they are generous with scholarships. They don't check paperwork, they just want everyone to do chess. They have perfected online remote chess instruction. Everyone will get a ChessKids account which is their learning portal. We have one of the largest chess teams in the ICN network, and before COVID had a successful, award-winning team.
- Community Q&A

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- Q: How do we return PS10 materials to school?
 - A: Bring to the lobby and security will call us so we can come and pick it up.
- Q: What grade does chess begin?
 - A: Everyone in 1, 3 and 5 are getting it but K will get it in the next session, 2nd and 4th will be next, after 10 weeks.
- Q: 4th grade: is Off the Page coming?
 - A: We haven't talked about it. PTA was able to support us & budget to bring in music which was expensive without a teacher. About \$55K. We have to regroup and have another budget meeting to see if we can do this.
 - Q: Amanda Moline - How can parents help out at school? I'm a nurse, can we take temperatures? Anything else we can do?
 - A: We will look into that and get back to you.
 - Q: Will PS10 host a flu vaccination program?
 - A: Pre-COVID we had the ability to do this. Right now we cannot do this, because we don't have NYU Langone health service. DOE nurses don't take on that service so we can't offer flu shots. Could we set up an outdoor flu shot clinic? We will look into it, and Amanda Moline will ask at her clinic One Medical.
- We will work on adjusting the PtA meeting times to accommodate the most participants.
- 8:26 AM: Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jenn seconded.