# PS24 PA Meeting Minutes January 17th, 2018

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:35 –** L. Moukas

# Space discussion - Mr. Schwartz

* + Mr. Schwartz scheduled to have upcoming meeting with politicians, DOE and others (no parents) – last week Jan/first week Feb
  + Suggestion: Co-op Board involvement to help with space issue
  + Mr. Schwartz ideal plan to consolidate to one cafeteria and make classrooms out of cold lunch room – 2 to 3 rooms, then fix new classrooms (downstairs by cold lunch room), push out other cafeteria to K yard. Moving K yard elsewhere.
  + Walk through with Mr. Schwartz or floor plan – limit to 20 people
  + Bring people in big numbers to Community Board meeting
  + Space will be addressed at next Coffee with the Principal or another time at a space committee meeting

# Approval of Minutes

* + Motion to approve – M. Montoya-Goldman
  + Approved – L. Chi

# Principals Report – Mr. Schwartz

* HOT TOPIC – CLASSROOM PLACEMENT
  + Classroom placement is done in collaboration with teachers
  + First deal with mandates – G&T, IEPs for ICT, ENL students in one gen ed class
  + From there they take remaining students and assign them as 1,2,3 or 4 – also deal with separating conflicts or behavior issues
  + Then separate 1s, 2s, 3s, and 4s in equal numbers
  + Look at the mix of children and make sensible moves, girls/boys, etc.
  + Most of the time the teachers do not know what teacher a child is getting for the following year so there is no bias
  + Often teachers are moved or leave or change roles anyway so classes are set up as numbers, not by names of teachers.
  + Have not looked at mix of kids in ICT in the past (should non mandated kids stay in ICT or not? This will be looked at now)
  + Teachers are assigned in teams. Trying to maintain consistency, but there will always be changes. Recruitment for next year’s teachers are in process
* PARENT SURVEY
  + Parent Survey uploaded to website for confidential survey – 6 questions covering 6 areas we did not do well in.
* PACC COMMITTEE
  + Minutes on school website
  + Next meeting Jan 24th 8:15am
  + Notes will also be up to date on bulletin board by front door of school

# Financials – D. Salanto

* + Raffle winner - $1,050
  + School Photos - $5k
  + Sounding Board Advertisers revenue went up
  + Yearbook orders going home soon
  + Direct Appeal went up
  + Teachers getting budget
  + School enrichment/K programs/zoo trip. Third grade putting ideas together too.

# Fundraising Meeting

* + Bronx fire victims. 11 children from district 10. Go Fund Me $1,100
  + Hardship committee? How do we handle our own hardships, kids in shelters or those who have lost parents, can’t afford a graduation dress, etc. How do we help these families vs other community tragedies.
  + Decision to create a Go Fund Me – all Yes (30 in attendance)

# SLT – M. Farber

* + Mr. Schwartz did his own report – subjects include the third grade vacancy, PACC has met twice and Mr. Schwartz welcomes feedback, submitted a grant for security cameras for inside and outside of building – cameras on hold for now because we missed the window for ordering them
  + Mr. Schwartz encourages feedback, questions, suggestions so please email him about what you want and changes you are requesting – strength in numbers
  + Two CEP goals were discussed – 1) supportive environment (goal set to reduce ORSS infractions – not on track. Less aggressive ORSS infractions in play – recurring incidences from a handful of kids). SLT is going to change the way they are looking at the ORSS number 2) Collaborative teaching – growing number of parents concerned about a large number of teachers given an ineffective rating. Mr. Schwartz maintains fewer teachers are on improvement programs. Mr. Schwartz feels he has a strong style for classroom observation, however parents have complained that his observation style is intimidating (calling out students, same children repeatedly questioned on repeat visits, etc.)
  + Parent speaker - requested a Spanish program, presented creative solutions, sub- committee formation
* General Concerns
  + PAC –what is it? Does this overide SLT and PA? It is divisive and disruptive. Why is there a separate body of people? It is now open to all.
  + Why don’t parents know there are changes to programs – i.e.: no more Spanish, cluster changes are not communicated
  + Upcoming Events
    - Movie Night Jan 27th.
    - Valentines Sale
    - Auction Apr 14th
    - Family Dance Mar 10th
    - Parent Volunteer Program ready to launch – handbook, guidelines, etc. on website