# 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