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Minutes of PA Meeting – March 21, 2017

**Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:36 PM.** The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Board in Attendance: Meredith Kaback (Co-President), Stephanie Cooper (Co-President), Tasneem Malbari (Co-VP), Michelle Kiliski (Co-VP), Yvonne Venezia (Treasurer), Karen Solomon (Co-Secretary), Heather Brown (Co-Secretary).

Also in Attendance: Katherine Koatz (Assistant Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), Maria Romero (After School Director) were also in attendance.

#### **Principal's Report (Given by Ms. Koatz)**

**Mathathon-** we will have raised over \$30,000! There were approximately 10 families that raised \$1000 or more!

**Lateness** is a bit of a problem this year. Please get your kids to school on time. It is very disruptive to the class when a student comes in late. Monday- Thursday when students are to be at school by 8:50, they should really arrive by 8:40 so that the teachers can start teaching at 8:50. Fridays, students should arrive by 7:50, so teachers can start teaching at 8 am.

**Martin Safran Award-** we have three submissions for this year's city-wide community service award.

**2017-18 school calendar** has been released, and the first day of school in September will be Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Koatz is going to follow up and consider **bike/ scooter storage**. Items can be locked to the fence if necessary.

#### **Parent Coordinator's Report**

Ellen reminded parents about the parent surveys which are due. We had 210 surveys done online during PTC.

#### **Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Maria Romero**

There will not be mini-camp during the April break as there is work being done in the building. There will be half day programs in May / June, more info to follow.

Look out for the next ASP Newsletter- coming soon!

#### **SLT**

The following items were discussed at the last SLT Meeting:

- **Lock down protocols**– as there was an unplanned drill at morning arrival a few days prior. There are currently drills done four times per year. There are both fire drills and shelter-in-place drills.
- **Principal's Fund** was discussed and it was mentioned that it is not really allowed. We are working on a way that the PA could give the school money to be used for field trips, etc when a child cannot pay.

- **Water quality** in the building is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- **E3 Sports**- unofficial result- nurse visits and sick days are down since this was implemented.
- **Kindergarten waitlist**- we have 61 kids on the waitlist this year.
- **Lunch Menu**- school is following the Alternative Menu.
- **Smart Boards**- there were 36 new Smart Boards installed on March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Auditorium is hopefully opening in May.

Let Ariana Palacio know if there is anything you would like the SLT Parents to bring up at these meetings.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Please see report generated by the treasurer.

### **PA President's Report**

Meredith and Stephanie mentioned the following items:

- PA Survey is live. Parents should go online and give anonymous feedback so we can improve the PA.
- The garden will start in April
- We have a new security officer, Officer Staunton. It is very important for parents and visitors to have ID with them when they come into the building.

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Participatory Budgeting** – week of March 27
- Next **Fitness Fun Day** will be Krav Maga on April 2
- **Teacher's Appreciation Lunch**- Friday May 5 (volunteers needed Thursday night May 4, to set up!)
- **Mother's Day Plant Sale**- Friday May 12 (see Dina Halili if you can volunteer!)
- **International Night** – Monday May 20 (need hosts for Country Tables and Food)

### **Closing**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.