



General PTA Meeting MINUTES 09/13/18 - APPROVED

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Cafeteria

1. Meeting Start – Call to Order – 8:37a
2. Approval of Minutes, 06/6/18 - APPROVED
3. Vote to add Two More Members at Large - Was proposed in June. Official vote taken. Passed, motion carries.
4. Introduction of Board Members - All board members introduced themselves. Explanation of committee sheet sign ups.
5. Sarah Katz presented - Member of SLT and 4th Grade teacher at Peck Slip. SLT - writing and reviewing CEP. Described 5 pillars of SLT. Gave description of SLT and how it works. Wonderful way to have a comprehensive understanding of the school. Meetings are always Thursdays, first will be end of September, after school. Will be announced.
6. Co-Treasurer's Report - Dabo Horsfall: Had approx \$220k as of 6/30/18; now have approx \$100k; Draw down over summer was due to paying for staff, request by Maggie. Programs and enrichment budget increased by approx \$100k. Budget for this year is approx \$560k for the year. Shira: Last year we didn't raise as much as we accounted for, but we also didn't have as many expenses. No shortfall. Did not go into reserves. Maggie: Must make the PTA budget request a little blind. Had a few ups and downs over the Fall, ended up with more money last Fall than we expected. Nothing was cut. Shira: We get the request from Maggie, and we structure our budget around that and raise money accordingly. Megan: Our goal is to maintain a healthier reserve so we have a safety net. Emily: We will have a Big Budget Meeting in early November. All are invited. We present in a way that makes sense and really helps understand the ins and outs of the DOE and PTA budgets.
7. Co-President's Report – Welcomed new parents. Please attend our meetings. If you can't we have multiple ways for you to get information. Please read Denise's weekly emails. We also have an Opt In to our PTA list. We try to keep them sparing. Please opt in. peckslippta.org is our website. Peckslippta facebook page. White board in lobby with current happenings.
8. Principal's Update - Maggie Siena: PTA Committees - please join! Great way to get involved in the community. Breakfast with Maggie in room 208 9/14/18. Open agenda meeting; but tomorrow will discuss issues around bullying, conflict, inclusion. Monday is back to school night 5:30-8p, more info coming. Opportunities to meet with your child's classroom teacher as well as specialty teachers. Friday, 9/21 Parent Workshop with Kate Greenberg re: bullying. One of the reasons our programs budget increased this year is we hired Kids in the Game for recess. Hired dedicated coaches to provide structured games at recess on voluntary basis. Helps kids become more independent in free play. If your child comes home saying something happened at recess/school today, please ask them who they went to for help. We have adults at recess to help. Very excited about this year!!
9. Bridge The Gap - Shira and John: BTG is the name of our appeal to help bridge the gap between what Maggie needs and what we raise. Our ask per student is \$1200. Please give

whatever you can, we are all in this together. Our biggest fundraisers are Spring auction; taste of seaport; and BTG. This is the bulk of the way we raise the approx \$550k we need to give Maggie this year. Please give early in the year. You can go online and give monthly. Kids in Game, librarians, recess monitors, musical instruments and instruction, teacher professional development, Bill Gordh - and many more programs that we would not otherwise be able to have at our school. If you have any ideas on how we can get the word out, please let us know. Or if you want to help, please do! Discussion about technology and foreign language (separately) in the school. Good topics to bring up at Breakfast with Maggie. Also, PTA has not yet been in a position financially to provide some of these additional programs; as we grow and hopefully raise more money we can think about it. BTG is the only direct way to give - every dollar goes to the school.

10. Taste of the Seaport, Sat. 10/20: Katie Roumel, Mary Kwon, Annie Shackelford - One of our biggest fundraisers. 45-55 restaurants participate. Buy tickets and taste food. Huge kid zone. Please come and also volunteer. This year on pier 16/17. We need help! Corporate sponsorships; volunteering; restaurants. Will be sending emails asking for volunteers, please consider helping. Amazing fun way to meet new people. Joint effort between Peck Slip School and Spruce Street.

11. Committee Briefings (10 minutes total) - not discussed in detail

- a. Parent Luau, Sat., 09/15
- b. Community Service: RmcDH Charity Run, Sat., 11/10
- c. Thanksgiving Pie Drive
- d. Holiday Poinsettias
- e. Charity Buzz/Auction
- f. Introduction of Committees

12. Nominate & Vote for Open Board Positions: Kira Lowell - have an expedited election today. One position from the spring is open because a family relocated. Need 2nd CO-VP to partner with Toni Clay-Fields. Brief description of duties. In addition, two members at large positions are open to new parents. Brief description of duties. You can self nominate or put forward someone you think might be interested.

Starting with 2nd CO-VP - Amy Sullivan, Catherine Issel, Mae-Sue Guery, Mary Kwon were nominated. All nominated stood up and introduced themselves.
Members at Large - Joe Kroening, Mae Sue Guery, Nicole Fineman, Madison Tarr - all self nominated

13. Break to Vote and Sign Up to Volunteer in a Committee

14. Meeting closed - 9:40a