

**PS 9 PTO 2015-2016**  
**Minutes of the April 19, 2016 Meeting**

**Committee Reports**

*Diversity*

- Translation flyer has been prepared; there will be a phone in every classroom available to dial for services

*Transportation Team*

- Continued conversations taking place about cameras on lights near schools for safety
- Bike rack proposal: somewhere in playground, need to be caged so kids won't play on them

*Parent Advocacy Committee*

- Meeting on April 21 with local politicians

*Fundraising*

- Won participatory budgeting to repair bathrooms; many parents were involved; show of amazing community support; will share \$300,000 with PS 316 (plus \$75,000 from existing grant [maybe]); will take a few years for repairs to begin
- Spring Fund Drive going well; raised just under \$5,000 at time of meeting
- Primary Day Bake Sale: raised just under \$2,000 as of 2:30PM
- Barnes and Noble: amount not yet known; can still order until April 21

*SLT*

- Projected register for 2015-2016: increase in upper grades; expect projected attrition (movement out of the school) in upper grades
- May need to dedicate a cluster room to a classroom
- Next count of kids will be on October 31; moneys for school will be released then based on register
- Learning Practices: program where schools share ideas among each other
- Increase in enrollment; may add a cluster; survey to be backpacked for parents to be included in the decision making about the additional cluster

*Events*

- Science Fair
  - Need parent volunteers as follows:
  - May 4: pick up projects from classrooms at about 12PM
  - set up from 2:40-5:00
  - May 5: "Scientist" Stickers needed; can be printed at home and sent or brought in
  - Need three (3) judges to grade projects on the night of the fair; Ipads are set up with criteria for judging; can't judge class in which your child is enrolled

- May 6: break down fair and take projects back to classroom from 12-2PM
- Requests will be set up on Volunteer Spot.
  
- Zillion Bubble Show
- Dance on May 27 to help raise funds for this third grade event
  
- School Pictures
- Jane H. is proposing an idea for a new way of handling school photos; suggesting Stomping Ground; has free style photo option
- 20% of what's sold goes back to the PTO; offering less than Title 1 prices
- Can set up online account to log in and select photos; only pay if ordering a photo; \$2-\$3 more expensive per package than Irvin Simon
- Paper order form also available
- Can choose background
- Two (2) set-ups available, plus class picture
- Concern was raised about logistics of getting classes photographed in a timely manner with Stomping Ground
  
- Krystal L. presented on Irving Simon Studios
- 25% of sales goes back to PTO
- Can have free style option, too
- Offers free package for every few children
- Will need more volunteers
  
- Members asked to consider the 2 comparisons side by side; tabled until next meeting
- May need a committee going forward
  
- Budget
- Budget proposal offered to share with parents for approval, probably in June meeting
- Suggestion to create a spreadsheet to determine who pays for which school programs-PTO, grant or school
- School budget is available online; suggestion to survey parents to determine what should be kept on the budget and what could be cut