

PS9 PTO 2015-2016
Minutes of the September 27, 2015 Meeting

Welcome (Jesse Hendrich)

- Composition of the PTO membership was explained (parents/caregivers, board, SLT)
- Explanation of the difference between a PTO and a PTA
- Acknowledgment of the officers
- Introduction of Principal D'Avilar and Assistant Principal Vasquez
 - Ms. D'Avilar thanked families for attending the Bounce Back to School Carnival.
 - Invited families to communicate with her, including by email
 - Explained that two new secretaries were hired for the main office
 - Requested four book cases for a fourth grade class
 - Acknowledged Ms. Hernandez for receiving the Outstanding Teacher Award as part of the Harmony Program
 - Minutes from the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting were approved.

Budget Presentation (Dominic Ryan)

- Discussed the reason for the Direct Appeal campaign.
- This year's Direct Appeal goal: \$150,000
- Mentioned importance of fundraisers and need to raise funds to support programs (eg. Bounce Back to School Carnival raised \$11,000)
- Question from the floor about how budget is developed
- Emphasized parent involvement in how budget is developed and how funds are used
- Suggestion from the floor to have a spring Bounce Carnival; invitation extended to get involved; volunteers needed for fundraising events
- Request to make a motion to give Ms. D'Avilar \$5,000 to purchase ink for classrooms; concern expressed about getting the money back later and on the impact of giving \$5,000 this early in the year; questioned if there would be enough for re-supply later in the year; motioned approved to give Ms. D'Avilar the money.

MSONE Brooklyn

Presentation by Maggie Spalaine of the Community Education Council of District 13, also a PS 9 parent

- Explained the purpose of the CEC (can approve zoning lines)
- Advisory Board is looking to have a voice in the establishment of the middle school to be housed in the development at Atlantic Yards
- New housing will be zoned for PS 9 and PS 11
- Building of school to begin in 2016 and open in 2018
- District 13 under served for middle school

- Looking to have this new school be a middle school with 600 seats (not enough to accommodate the new families expected to reside in the new housing development)
- Will need to have more schools over time
- Vision is that MSONE will be a mid sized middle school, attractive to students who are diverse at all levels
- Will need to discuss how this will take form; hope to include dual language, STEM and arts and culture with support from technology companies, BRIC and other arts and culture organizations
- DOE has not yet made a commitment to what the school will be; need help with petitions and encouraging community involvement in process, noting that every time a petition is signed, an email goes to the mayor, chancellor and other officials

SLT Report (Ivana Epstein)

- Team composed of parents, teachers (UFT members) and administrators
- Discuss curriculum, policy and goals for the school
- Develop Comprehensive Education Plan (education goals for the school year; living document that evolves over course of the year)
- First meeting on September 27
- Committees have formed
- Will have some joint committees with PTO
- Committees and minutes will be published in the lobby and on school website
- Reported on new alarms on doors and security cameras that are coming
- Drills will be discussed at next PTO meeting
- Discussed class sizes (All classes are now 32 or under.)
- Dual language to be re-organized; parents will be informed

Silent Auction (Faye Rimalovski)

- Saturday, November 7, 6-10PM
- Request for help with solicitations from local businesses for donations
- Need help with food and drink donations; can see Faye for a list of vendors (Camps are a big hit.)
- Also asked for donations from families; see Faye for a list of the types of items that usually sell.

Committees (Jesse Hendrich)

- Lunch Volunteers
- Fundraising
- Gardening
- Grant Writing
- Web Team (Hoping to launch a new PS9 website)

- Communications (Families should be receiving three kinds of email: PS9 Family [community based, any member can post], Mail Chimp and News @ 9.)
- Plus new proposed committees (Wellness, Hospitality, Budget, Parent Advocacy, Diversity, Sustainability/Green, Library)
- Can check school website for contact people if interested in joining committees

Question and Answer

Meeting adjourned at about 8:30PM