



Minutes of the October 18, 2016 Meeting

Opening & Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- September minutes approved with edits

Whole Child Network Presentation

- Discussion by Ms. Darress, Ms. Henriquez and Ms. D'Avilar of PS9's approach to promoting healthy children & staff
- Next month's presentation will be on safe children

Discussion re: Testing Trips

- Concerns raised that, given logistical issues, trips for lower grades during upper-grade testing in April and May 2017 must be organized in the very near future
- Class liaisons asked to approach Ms. D'Avilar, Ms. Velazquez and Charmaine for assistance and coordination with teachers
- Suggestion to set aside time at the next meeting for a broader discussion about the cost/benefit of such trips as well as logistics

Budget

- Revenue report
 - Bounce back carnival netted around \$11,000
- Budget requests
 - Lobby security desk – request made to purchase security desk/station for lobby to reduce crowding/queuing and improve sight lines for officers. Discussion as to whether this spending is necessary and/or appropriate for PTO. Item tabled.
 - Purchase of soccer goals – request to add \$1,400 to the “Lunchtime Enrichment” budget, bringing total to \$2,400. Up to \$2,100 of that amount will be spent on new soccer goals. Approved. Request to be made to co-located charter school to contribute to expense.
- July through September 2016 expenditures approved
- Request made to have comparisons to last year's income and expenditures available at future meetings

Committees

- Call to organize new committee to plan for PS9's 150th year celebration (2017-2018 school year)



- Updates on committees: gardening; communication; fundraising; diversity; web team; sustainability
- Budget committee seeks new members

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Pumpkin Patch – volunteers needed
- Jazz Night being postponed to springtime
- Silent Auction – request for parents to solicit local businesses for donations and to otherwise volunteer
- Bake sale – volunteer sign ups requested
- Fifth Grade: Election Day Ball is being planned

Meeting concluded at 8:16 p.m.