



PT9 PTO MONTHLY MEETING – MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2017

- Meeting called at 6:45 pm
- Review of May 2017 meeting minutes approved.
- Universal Pre-K Update:
 - DOE data error resulted in 140 acceptance letters sent to families in and out of zone
 - PS9 will receive an additional 50 pre-K students
 - PTO sent a letter; followed by SLT letter showing unity and requesting:
 - No trailers
 - Preservation of dance room and gym
 - Three classrooms located near the library
 - Received a letter back from Chancellor Rose
 - We will give you two classrooms
 - You will have additional funding to support the classrooms
 - Jesse proposing sending a letter that is more specific about our needs
 - New teacher lines are not in the budget, and need to be hired now
 - We need three classrooms
 - More pushback on the issue of overcrowding, chronic government underfunding of public school.
 - 126 students have been accepted into the pre-K program
 - We welcome all families; and we will welcome them all the way through the program
 - DOE has not yet allocated money to cover cost of teachers and paraprofessionals, so Principal D'Avilar is not able to hire any teachers at this point in time.
- Principal D'Avilar's Address
 - Transitioning from Social Studies school to STEAM, with the help of OmniLearn
 - STEAM Lab will be created (converting the staff lounge)
 - Thematic studies and inquiry
 - Seating arrangements – like stools, other forms of seating
 - Teachers College partnership to develop writing and reading skills
 - Engage NY is our partner for math program
 - Big instructional focus next year will be mathematics
- Nomination Committee
 - Co-president of Community Building remains open
 - Nominations made but offers were declined



- Fundraising
 - Carnival, new vendor being brought on
 - Picture Day: Considering new vendors
- Budget
 - Marquis Studio invoice is higher than expected
 - Broader conversation is needed to understand what are we paying per class; no insight into per unit class (Warren has that information and can clarify)
- June 30 is the turnkey meeting
- We received a small grant to create murals
 - Ms. Ruiz will spearhead the project
 - We should get parent volunteers to help with painting
- Meeting concludes at 8:00 pm