



Minutes of the December 12, 2017 Meeting

Opening & Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.
- Agenda approved
- October 2017 meeting minutes approved
- November 2017 meeting minutes approved

Principal's Address

- Krystal spoke on behalf of Principal D'Avilar
 - Silent Auction raised \$50,000 for the school
 - Breakfast with the Principal, for parents only, on Dec. 13
 - Ugly Sweater Day on Dec. 14
 - Nutcracker performance on Dec. 15
 - Holiday celebration school-wide on Dec. 22

Presentation by Sarah Wilmot, PTO Board Member – DOE Presentation on Budget Allocation

- Most funding goes to teachers, para-professionals, therapists, social workers
- At PS 9, there is a wide range of teaching professionals
- However, there is no budget from DOE to pay for enrichment programs, which makes PTO funding so crucial

Fundraising Activities

- Direct Appeal:
 - Giving Tuesday campaign raised about \$9,000
 - Direct Appeal is strong through November; more than 30% increase in donations over 2015-16 (the record-breaking fundraising year)
- Pancakes & Portraits fundraiser – raised just under \$1,000
- Nutcracker bake-sale (Vivian is the project manager); all proceeds go directly to the dance program. PTO is seeking donations of food and beverages, etc.

Budget & Expenditures

- Reviewed & approved P&L & Balance Sheets from October 2017
- Motion to approve November expenditures

SLT Report



- Students in upper grades will be encouraged to do more verbal feedback of their performance, rather than using forms that are shared during parent-teacher conferences.
- Comprehensive education plan is being revised.
- There is a unisex bathroom in the school.
- Transportation issues continue to be an issue, particularly between teachers and construction

Board Updates

- Audit Committee: Greg Nofi and Jeff Hao, as well as Chris Eisner, have expressed interest in participating in the committee, in preparation for the forthcoming external audit
- Membership Committee: Not a required committee, but the Board has formulated a general description, focused on outreach and recruitment for the PTO
- Motion to create committee approved

Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.