



Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Meeting

Opening and Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.
- Review of the November 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Minutes approved without changes.

Principal's Address (presented by Charmaine Derrell-Jacob, parent coordinator)

- Class parents have been asked to keep the school calendar accurate and up-to-date.
- G&T testing will begin January 3, 2019. Initial conversations about the possibility of reforming the program have begun. The administration would start by looking at programs at other schools, possibly beginning this research phase in 2020.
- The kindergarten application period is underway. Even pre-k students already enrolled at PS9 must apply. The deadline is Jan. 14, 2019.
- The school is holding toy and coat drives, as well as a toothbrush drive for asylum seekers at the US/Mexico border.
- After-school program update:
 - Backpacks and Binoculars starts Jan. 2, 2019.
 - PACC's program will again include enrichment activities beginning Jan. 14.
 - Neither program has a license for pre-K yet.

Student Leadership Team (SLT) Report

- The team is meeting with The NYC Alliance for School Integration and Desegregation (ASID) and developing proposals for the integration of classes and for engaging the broader parent community.

EDI Committee Report

- The committee's two big priorities have been 1) facilitating conversations about school integration and 2) an inclusive library project, which involves reviewing and cataloguing classroom libraries to make sure they are inclusive.

Fundraising Committee Report/Events & Fundraising

- Direct Appeal fundraising goal of \$54,000 for November was not met. We need to step up fundraising, including personal appeals to family and friends, to meet the annual \$150,000 goal.
- Pancakes and Portraits in November raised roughly \$700. The committee is considering another, similar event with spaghetti.
- Jazz Night is coming back in March, hopefully with childcare provided at the school.
- Participatory Budgeting update:
 - PS9 is close to being on the participatory budgeting ballot for funding for a hydroponic lab.



- There is also the possibility for garden pollinator funding, along with other funding for technology and garden.

Budget/Finance Review

- The budget committee has met with Principal D'Avilar regarding an \$8,000 overdraft for expenses.
- The committee is working with the administration to try and break even by the end of the year.
- Budget approved.

Meeting concluded at 8pm