



**Tuesday, May 14, 2019
6:30pm – 8:00pm
PTO Meeting Minutes**

Opening and Welcome

- Called to order at 6:45pm
- Nominations committee shared that PTO nominations will be open until the end of this meeting and then they will be closed

Principal's Address

- Ms. D'Avilar has been promoted to ED of Brooklyn North elementary schools for the 7 districts across Brooklyn North As of July 1st
- Ms. Velasquez will step up as acting principal, and then there will be a formal process for a permanent principal
- Share about Brooklyn STEAM - amazing program that she'd like to use as a model

Financial Review

- Review of proposed budget for the 19-20 school year. Budget committee will be meeting again soon and will present the budget for a preliminary vote at the PTO meeting in June.
- Review of statement of activity. VOTED TO APPROVE

Committees

- **EDI** - Committee meeting Friday the 17th, additional meetings per Kirsten's email;
EDI Committee Meeting - Friday 5/17, 7:30am (call in option available*)
PS9 SLT Meeting - Tuesday, 5/21, 4pm - EDI Committee presents proposal to SLT
PS9 Community Meeting - Monday 6/10, 6:30pm - EDI Committee presents proposal to PS9 Community
PS9 SLT Meeting - Tuesday, 6/18 - SLT decision on EDI Committee proposal

Building out a resource list for improving the diversity of our classroom libraries, looking for remote support over the summer. Achievement Gap work - how do support the admin's academic support of struggling students - conversations are ongoing.

- **Wellness** - Bike NYC event went well, event with Fresh Food also went very well. Trying to send out a Wellness survey and need support to send it out. Lunch room concerns - tables are not being cleaned between students; music is very loud; Kids are not eating their lunches because there isn't enough time once they get out of the line before recess. Suggestion for Wellness to present to the SLT. Suggestion to give survey to kids as well.

Time is being cut from lunch and recess due to misbehavior. Suggestion to try to document this behavior. Plug for lunchroom volunteers

- **Garden Committee** - there are still veggies for sale



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Events

- Iftar on Friday night the 17th; women are to wear head coverings and long sleeves/pants
- STAR donations - school supplies accepted until May 29th
- Carnival - Krystal and Carol will co-lead Carnival - September 21st.
- Boys and Men Read - Saturday 18th, 8:30am - 3:00pm
- Girls Rock Steam - June 8th 2nd-5th, 8am-2pm
- Fundraising - we need to close a \$20k gap - initial conversations with school about what to do if we fall short
- Need more volunteers!! Ellen and Jess will table in the mornings.
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SLT - Asking if PTO can fundraise more for additional paras for K next year. Will discuss with the budget conversation next month

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PTO Nominations

- Nominations were opened at our April meeting. The committee has been taking nominations by email, phone, and in person over the last month. Today is the last day for accepting nominations. This is the official closing of the nominations
- For each position, we will state the positions and names that have been nominated and then take nominations from the floor, and then close the nominations.

- **Parliamentarian**
 - Nick Peterson
- **Financial Secretary**
 - Christophe Hille
- **1st Recording Secretary**
 - Carol Clause
- **2nd Recording Secretary**
 - Miles Champion
- **Correspondence Secretary**
 - No Nomination
- **Treasurer**
 - Alex Hlivka
- **Class Parent Teacher Liaison Lower grade (2 positions)**
 - Kyisha Brooks
 - Taniya Gusasekara
 - Sarah Maxwell
 - Carla Rothberg



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- **Class Parent Teacher Liaison Upper Grade (2 positions)**
 - Devon Jackson Baptiste
 - Dennis Cronin
 - Maura McHugh
 - Julia Daunis
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- **Vice President**
 - Maggie Campbell (community) and David Levinthal (fundraising) for co-VPs
 - Tanya Mesado
- **President**
 - Jessica Flores
 - Raul Rothblatt (community)
 - Nzingah Diallo (fundraising)
- **School Leadership Team (3 open positions)**
 - Ellen Bolotin
 - Laura Caito
 - Melissa de Leon
 - Zaneesha Harrell
 - Krystal Linton
 - Afiya Lahens-Wallace
 - Ian Palmer
 - Warren Coleman
- **Board**
 - Zaneesha Harrell
 - Omar Slowe
 - Johanna Steinberg
 - Kim Tilley
 - Ian Palmer

Discussion about whether for VP and President roles, people can run as a slate or if they have to run separate

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm