

PS 116 PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2019

A quorum of 56 members were present.

Co-Presidents' Report

- Gil and Erica welcomed everyone to the first General PTA meeting of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Several new members were voted onto the PTA Executive Board by unanimous vote. Danielle King, VP Special Events, Robyn Cohen, VP Hospitality, Kristen Donnino, Parent at Large (K), Brittney Akkerman, VP Internal Fundraising
- School security (e.g., cameras, other forms)
 - Write to the city to get funding to implement these plans.
- Participatory Budget ideas.
- Form committee of parents to research what would be the best form of security for the school and what needs to be done to obtain it.
- New programs
 - The 92nd Street Y will be teaching a new dance class for our younger (K and 1+) students at some point this semester.
 - 92nd Street Y also runs an art program that we need to decide if we want to incorporate into our school instead of Studio in a School that we had in the past. This art program would focus on both art and computer design.
- We will do more with affiliate programs this year
 - Amazon - we made double that of last year with Amazon affiliates, but Amazon affiliates does not allow us to email parents the link. (*note Amazon canceled affiliate association based Teacher Wish lists as violation of Terms of Service, this is under appeal. Use amazon smile)
 - Fairway cards are available for purchase in the main office.

Principal/Vice Principal's Report

- Ms. Hsu was not in attendance as she had another meeting. Mr. Chevell welcomed everyone and spoke about a few important topics including:
- Forms: It is crucial that all parents fill out a blue emergency card for their child. These forms are for emergency contact information, as well as safety. No child can leave the school unless they are picked up by an individual listed on the blue card.
- Drills: There will be mandatory lockdown drills to practice in the event of any emergencies. Notes will be sent home before the drills occur. It is helpful to speak to your children about them. There will be a lockdown workshop held to inform parents about what takes place during the drill and to address any concerns parents might have. Date is TBD. There will also be several fire drills.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 19: Curriculum Night, please see community groups in the cafeteria.
- Sept 20: Welcome Back Playground Party
- October 2-3: Picture day. There will now be sibling photos and freestyle photos.
- October 22: The welcome back parent social the Gem Saloon. Tickets will go on sale shortly.
- October 26: Boo Bash – the time will depend on your grade level. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

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