

General TCCS PA Meeting
December 17, 2015
MINUTES

Board members present: Shaqua Randle, Jennifer Consilvio, Elizabeth Leih, Jamilliah White

1. Recap of 12/16 TC Town Hall (Shaqua Randle)
2. Shaqua takes questions from parents about expansion, C-30, lunch time
3. Vote to adopt the minutes as written from October and November meetings. The minutes are adopted.
4. Update from Principal Verdiner
 - iReady for K and 1st – slower evaluation process due to internet problems.
 - TC Town Hall meeting – questions came up about data schoolwide (where are we, how are the students doing?). The data is showing gains from last year, compared to state test. The most recent iReady assessment showed 60% at or above grade level (last year's state tests were at 20%)
 - Recess – would like to set up stations
 - Square 1 Art tiles will go up in the lobby on Saturday
 - Police activity – teenage altercation at another school nearby. The policy is that if there is imminent danger right outside the school, we go into lockdown mode (“shelter in”) and no one gets in until the police say. Agent Carter was informed in real time (via school officer walkies) and there was no danger to our school.
 - Tuesday's CA bomb threat – Chancellor emailed principals that all was okay for NYC schools. If we need to go into lockdown mode or evacuate, we will not stop to notify parents at the time. The focus is getting to safety first. Principal reviewed more details about lockdown mode.
 - Student safety – PreK comes into the lobby at 8:25 and then too many people are coming in and out of the front door all morning while the safety agent is stationed on 126th St. We cannot use the front door until the safety agent is present. Principal Verdiner will send out the message about the policy and post signs.
 - Student council elections are Monday. 4th graders will make speeches. 3rd and 4th graders will vote. Second graders are very excited. Principal will consider allowing second graders to vote so that they learn about the process.
 - Weather – below 0 degrees F for children to not go outside. Snowing, ice on the playground, wind chill too cold means children will not go outside. Principal Verdiner thinks that it is too cold. She will use wind chill as the determining factor.
 - Third grade teacher to fill in for Ms. Caffery's parental leave. Still looking for someone.
5. Financial Report (Jennifer Consilvio). We currently have a deficit because most of the fundraising happens in the spring. Many requests have come up to cover various expenses this year. All of the money we have is already allocated.