

MINUTES FOR  
PARENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

I. Call to order

II. PA Board Welcome  
Introduced board

III. Principal's Welcome  
SLT meeting held last Thursday.  
TCCS organizational changes: some changes and some that remain the same. Various stakeholders worked hard to recruit new staff, new to community. Vigorous hiring. People left for various reasons. Everyone who left had exit interview. No negativity, people left due to personal and professional reasons. Also left the door open to them. Supposed to be beacon school for district. People left in peaceful and positive way. New families were concerned. Verdiner will not communicate staff changes piecemeal. Not fair to families. Also many twins, so info from different classes may be different. Principal sent out class assignments, but she didn't have all staff names. Opening day positive and staff still amazing. Criteria for staff hiring: Things to be aligned with: 1) need to like children and 2) dedicated to whole child. Must treat each other with respect. Staff must build trust and be transparent. SLT met and will go over CEP. The goal is to have retention. Dedicated to supporting and investing in teachers and setting them up for success and to stay at this school. Need parents help to welcome them and let them know we value them.

Last year spoke about theory of action. Over summer had retreat. Looked at data and heard all voices of staff. Agreed to continue theory and fine tuning to use database strategies to continue ownership. Using data to increase student ownership, what we are doing with our small group instruction.

Program: continuing with almost everything we had and adding on. Parent Handbook additions to instructional staff Ms. Shen (Science teacher)  
All grades will receive: Library & Technology, Physical/Health Ed, Music varies per grade.

Science lab for Grades 2-5 state requirement  
Swimming for grade 2 asphalt green

Parents should have schedule since it guides your conversation

Cultural Music & dance thru 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y will continue for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as afterschool. 4 times/year they go to 92<sup>nd</sup> Y to see performances. This year all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will attend shows.

Grades 4&5 will participate in Salvadori program. Will Start next week. Goes across curriculum and teachers will incorp into their instruction.

Trying to forge youth force curriculum. Agreed to adopt our school. Info to come.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: programming visual literacy pilot. Affiliation with TC.

Technology: All classes will have tablets from Levine. Also laptops.

PreK and K class will have ipad on wheels. Received last week and teachers will receive training.

Middle school: speaking with Nancy Streim and Gale Reeves about space. Reeves outreached to Office of Space and will share info.

Mejia is in charge of articulation for middle school. He will work with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Trying to work with enrollment. There is 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round. By 2<sup>nd</sup> round we will be available as an option. 1<sup>st</sup> round you can change your decision by 2<sup>nd</sup> round. You will have priority to TCCS.

What will we do in middle school: we will continue what we are doing: Engage NY, use TC resources, grow STEAM program. We are PreK-8, only separation is age appropriate separation. Other than programming we will continue to build on what we have. Ex. Salvadori program attractive b/c it goes from 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Questions from Floor

Art in curriculum: incorporated into STEAM. No designated art teacher. Only art in PreK. When we are full middle school, we will have art since part of credentials.

No Timeline for physical location of middle school. DOE assured Principal we will have space and that it's a priority.

Anything Parents can do to help? Maybe going to FACE and saying we are concerned or Office of Enrollment. Maybe say we want to consider TCCS, but concerned about space. Nancy stream: has been working over a year with DOE. Priority at top. Mark Levine sent letter to Chancellor late summer with Bill Perkins and Gale Brewer. Process is moving quickly. In touch with DOE weekly. Dept of Ed looking at buildings they already own. Several options they are looking at for us. In next 2 months, hope to know. They will have space and they know it needs to be current space.

Michelle: SLT may not be co-location

Nancy Streim: at least 1 space may not be co-location. They approved School construction looking at private space if they can't find public space. May lease a second facility if they can't find private space. Number of students that move depend on space and educational grounds.

Kim Kefgen: The longer we go, fear and anxiety around lack of choice. Speak to leverage that we have.

Nancy Streim: we are voice of community and elected officials have spoken up. Nothing stopping parent body from speaking up. Can wait or speak up now. Shouldn't hesitate to speak up. If we do, should be done in organized way.

Ayishah: PA Board will continue to speak with Principal, Streim etc, but need to move to next agenda item.

#### IV. Roads to Success & TC Club After School Overview

Cox intro. In charge of enrichment and TC Clubs. TC Clubs M, W & F until 5 pm. Multiple activities. Overview of options. Dismissal in cafeteria at 4:50. RTS 3-6pm. RTS will provide additional enrichment programming. Nov 7 - 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y starts, in the meantime kids will have music.

Jasime Uribe RTS intro. RTS runs from 2:45-6:00pm. Old staff back. Registration is online and still open.

#### V. Zero Waste Schools Program

Michelle Ogden & Greg Behl works for DOE Office of Waste and Zero NYC. TCCS is one of 100 schools that is part of program. Chosen in Manhattan and Brooklyn. Goal: models for other schools to continue zero waste by 2030. DiBlasio plan to reduce 80% of material in land fill by 2050. Can take program home. Children can recycle and label bins and try to pack wasteless lunches. There are snack bags that can be washed. Can email if any questions.

#### VI. Parent Coordinator Intro

Leona Guerrido introduced herself and handed out survey. Leona provides workshop and she would like to know what is of most interest to you.

#### VII. School Leadership Team Report

#### VIII. PA Board Committee Sign Up

Ayishah read Objective of PA Association in bylaws.

Laurie: PA Board cannot execute each idea of parents, but can support them.

Ayishah: went through committee sign up sheets. 501©(3) committee can't write grants without 501©(3). Looking for parents to obtain this. Committee will only last until status is obtained.

Class Parent: confirming contact info, parents can work across grades, helping teacher org information. Utilize class parents.

#### IX. Treasurer's Report

Chimene reviewed Financial report

School supply donation correction to date: \$2980 (currently says \$1900)

Balance correct

Following deposits will make this week and updates for next report.

Spring Fling brought in \$1500-\$1800. Chimene can give exact figure at next meeting.

#### X. District 6 Busing

Many D6 parents in attendance. Lottery enrollment is both D5 and D6. When we asked for busing, DOE only permits pick up from D that school is located in. Yellow bus cannot cross district lines. Levine went to DOE, but he didn't know policy. We need concession waiver for this school. How does it affect school. DOE will listen if detrimental to education. Significant subway delays. Next week petition to sign, write indiv letters and will keep log book when your child is late due to subway delays, b/c NYC agency has it logged. How many students late due to delays. Policy will not be changed this year, but can submit this Spring for next year. Must be done by april.

#### XI. School Leadership Team Election

Shaqua and Liz: Special election. Vacancy due to family that left. SLT slot on ballot. Only place to place name. Explanation of SLT. 4 parent positions, they sit with Nancy Streim, Principal Verdiner, 4 teachers as well as Community 9 board member who is also a parent. 2 Current members: Michelle Kelly: 2 year commitment and election is to fill her second year. Michelle ran under similar circumstance. SLT about educational plan, choices. Reiterated what Principal Verdiner stated. Kim Kefgen: Also on SLT and elected under similar situation. Meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month for 2 hour meeting. Jen Silverman also on SLT not here today.

Asking for nominees:

Shakira Smith

Sarlinda Lugo Hart

Paskie Koch

Monique Harouna

Shavon Glover

Laurie Kindrd nominated, but declined.

Close Nominations

Speeches given by nominees and vote taken and ballots placed in box. Laurie Kindred closed voting.

SLT winner announced: 3 votes could not be counted, because no indication of who they were voting for.

Shavon Glover won majority of votes and declared the winner. Votes were as follows:

Shakira Smith 1 vote  
Sarlinda Lugohart: 11 votes  
Monique Harouna 3 votes  
Shavong : Gover 20 votes  
Paskie Koch 11 votes

#### XII. Vote on Bylaw Amendments

Amendment of Bylaws proposed and vote will be taken at the next PA Board General Meeting on 10/18/16.

#### Additional Announcements:

Dad's Take your Kids to School  
Curriculum Night  
School Supply Drive  
New Parent Coffee Social

#### XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25pm.