

AGENDA FOR
PARENT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017 5:45PM

- I. Call to order
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes
- III. Principal's Report

New staff. Coach for teachers and math person supported by TC. 3-5th graders reminding them we are at mid-point. Kids need to be encouraged by families.

PBIS was launched K-2nd. They have been receiving tickets to encouraged desired behavior. Working on matrix. Working on upper grades 3-5. Will be adjusted to be developmentally appropriate.

Principal sent out EIS (Educational Impact Statement)– proposed co-location at PS36. 2 meetings coming up. Join public hearing meetings Feb 6th at TCCS and Feb 7th at PS36. Parents can attend both.

Questions:

Any plans for curriculum on bullying? Verdiner: PBIS for whole school and empathy training, respect for all, Mr. Hill is a counselor in the building. Difference between bullying and conflict. Bullying will not be tolerated. Up to families and peers to make sure we do not have

bullying. If parents have a concern see Ms. Verdiner or Ms. Barr. Want to empower children, Verdiner can suggest videos to watch.

Book Buddy with upper grade and lower grade creates mentor situation.

Math Coaching: 70 students enrolled (120 spots). Barr and Verdiner created program together. Children are eager to come. Short and condensed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

V. Co-Presidents' Report

Overview of EIS. Proposal 2017/18 next school year prek-1st grade will move to PS 36 for 3 years. 2018/19 will move to 2nd Grade and 2019/20 will stay at 2nd Grade.

Mark public hearing on calendar. Guidelines that you have to sign up by certain time to talk and there is a cutoff if you show up after that time. Need stakeholders to attend: cmtly board 9, DOE Dir of Gov Relations, Mark Levine) we make a stakeholder. If we don't go into PS 36 a charter school will, its our best scenario.

PS 36 has space. After they give us rooms, there are still potentially an extra 10 rooms. Will not affect their CBOs. However, this is what parents at PS 36 will say.

Worse case scenario we need to figure out breakfast and lunch schedule. We need to clean up playground. Their Prek uses the playground.

Parent: If we are co-located. Will there be busing? Only if you are D 5. Still looking for concessions from DOE. Eblast will go out that parents need to sign log book if you are D6 parent who is late because of delayed transportation.

Parent: If we pushed TC harder, Streim could come up with space for PreK.

Parent: So much more at stake than the building, programming, admissions process, splitting of staff. Decisions not being discussed with enough thoroughness. Principal Verdiner has been an administrator at co-located school. At public forum need to remind TC that whatever staff DOE does not provide for enrichment, TC needs to supplement.

Parent: Teachers talking about co-location in positive way.

VI. School Leadership Team Report

VII. Committee Updates

- a. Art: Jan & Feb Square 1. For Spring looking at several organizations to provide art. Gavin Brown visited Harlem Biospace and there is program for kids.

- b. Winterfest: Music teachers came to us and only date that worked was Jan 21 which was a conflict with Women's March. Music teachers are unable to do the other dates. There will be no performances, but maybe a food and crafts events. Feb 4 too soon, but Feb 11th could be a possibility. May be segmented where grades are broken up.
- c. Parent Social/Auction: May 5th Cinco de Mayo at Columbia Alumni. Need parents to solicit donations and volunteers for Food, Décor, Silent Auction.
- d. January Dues Drive: PA can only ask for donations once in the drive. Class parents will also be asking parents for contribution. Suggested donation of \$50/family.
- e. Merchandise: Will have online store. PA receives 15%.
- f. Pictures: looking for new picture company. 2-3 companies and criteria and suggested prices and families can vote on it through survey monkey
- g. Community service hour for 4th & 5th Grade: Need permission slip. Didn't get this out last week, but permission slip should have gotten out for this Friday and next Friday. Kids will go and make sandwiches. We could take donations on Friday and have kids bring items such as clothing.

- h. Square 1 Art. Email will go for parent volunteers. Square 1 Art involves kids creating art work that can be placed on items for parents to purchase.
- i. Spring Fling: June 17 11-5. Looking for volunteers. Outdoor street fair on 127th Street with DJ, bouncy castle, food, tshirts. Set up is at 8:00 – 6pm. If cars have not moved, need to call police to get tow truck.
- j. 501 c3: Need to be placed on budget for next year.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Expansion/Co-Location Update: See above

IX. New Business

- a. Student Council Care O Grams: See above
- b. PA Dues: See above

X. Adjournment