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MS 67 PTA December General Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium

Meeting called to order by Patricia Levy at 7:08 p.m.

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Adriana Aviles, Patricia Levy, Megan Rha, Elsie Lee, Karen Wang, Maureen Barrett, Alex English, Merina DeAngelis, Ronnie Werner, Dorolena Zaharopoulos

Minutes: The minutes of 12/16/19 meeting were approved by general board.

Principal's Report: given by Mr. Brian Anello

- Principal Anello presented a "Mid-Year Report" to the general board:
- This Friday marks the end of the 2nd quarter; quarterlies end this week. Report cards will come out on January 31st. Parents do not need to wait to see their children's progress for report card time; it is advisable to keep track throughout the quarter by checking pupil path and being in communication with your child's teacher. Students know their grades in advance of report cards, so there should be no surprises.
- Clubs, teams and activities are running well. School is given \$15,000 towards the running of these clubs. 65-75 % of MS 67 students participate in at least one club, team or activity.
 - Girls basketball is 2-0; Boys basketball is 3-0; Girls volleyball just won their first match; track & field had two successful events in the Armory Event and the Millrose Games; Drama Club is preparing for their performance of "Big" on February 28th and 29th.
- Senator John Liu was able to secure funds of \$300,000 towards MS 67 gymnasium renovation. Mr. Anello recently submitted a request for a gymnasium renovation that would cost an estimated \$3,000,000. He hopes to get some of the requested funds. He is proposing to use the funds to put shades on the windows; to get bleachers replaced; to get the floor re-done; and to put volleyball net inserts into the floor. It could be a year or two until actual funds are granted. There is a proposal to Council Member Paul Vallone \$120,000 for tech upgrades for new iPad and Mac laptop carts and 5 Promethean boards. If you see Mr. Liu and Mr. Vallone at any community events, please give them a personal thank you from the MS 67 community.
- This Thursday, School Safety Committee Town Hall meeting at 8:15 at MS 67 auditorium. Also on Thursday, Schools Chancellor Carranza will be at a Town Hall, 7:00 at MS 74. Please arrive by 6:30 to take into consideration parking and seating. Carranza will be there from 7:00-8:00. Issues will be addressed such as funding, school safety, specialized schools, etc.
- SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) initiative update:
 - The 6th grade participated in the Child Mind Institute, where they worked on social problem-solving. Situations are posed to students, and they use role-play to help students practice skills.
 - Child Mind Institute also provided a stress management workshop for staff
 - Floating Hospital came to speak to 7th grade about stress management before the December break on December 20th.
- "College Access for All"—MS 67 is having alumni guest speakers (Max, a writer from Slam Magazine) to speak with 7th grade. 8th grade will have Career Day on February 11th. Need more volunteers for speakers, preferable in STEM jobs. Last week was "College Awareness Day"; students wore college attire. Two 7th grade classes will visit Adelphi University;
- Three 8th grade Living Science classes went to Cold Spring Harbor Lab to manipulate DNA in this renowned facility. Three more classes will go next Thursday.
- Family Fitness Night Thursday, February 6th. We can only take 150 participants due to space limitations and safety, so register your family early.
- A member of the PTA general board asked if the grants from the politicians are different from the Participatory Budget. Mr. Anello answered that these funds from Vallone and Liu are separate from the participatory budget, as the participatory budget projects are voted upon in a PE vote and our project did not get the most votes. However, Councilman Vallone did see the effort our community put forth in trying to get those votes and was able to grant us the funds.



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- A member of the general board asked if there will be another Financial Literacy presentation as there was last year. Mr. Annelo explained that last June, a parent who worked for a financial firm donated their time to present to students about financial literacy. Mr. Annelo will check this parent's availability for this year, and see if presentations could be class by class rather than in a large group assembly.

Treasurer's report: given by Andrea Choi

- Ending balance of \$27, 140. S.O. Dance refreshment sale brought in \$886, which is over the \$800 was budgeted. Holiday Show Fundraiser brought in \$1400, which is what was budgeted. A check from 2018 for the President's Council District 26 dues was returned and was never cashed. Many other schools had their checks returned as well. That check was voided, and we were asked to re-write another check for 2018 dues. A new check was written that combines 2018 and 2019 school dues. Motion to approve financial report made by Patricia Levy. December financials were approved by general board.

Fundraising Report: given by Maureen Barrett

- February 7th is the S.O. dance. We need PTA volunteers to help sell refreshments and pizza from 2:00-4:30
- February 28th and 29th PTA will be selling refreshments during the Drama Club's production of "Big." We will be out in the lobby selling refreshments. Please help by donating snacks and baked goods or staying to help sell items.
- A general board member asked if all grades could participate in the S.O. dance. Patricia Levy answered that yes, all grades are invited if you are an S.O. member (a fee of \$10 for the entire year was collected in September).
- A general board member was not sure if her own children were members or not and expressed that her children would like to go to the dance. She asked if they could pay cash at the door. Patricia Levy explained that the rules have changed since last year, and the S.O. is no longer taking cash at the door. Mr. Annelo added that students can see Mrs. Lee or Mrs. Montesano regarding membership. Students can become members anytime throughout the year. Mr. Annelo also added that it was very chaotic to accept cash at the door and that was the reason for the change. Mr. Annelo complimented Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Montesano for their energy and efforts regarding the S.O. He also explained that if your child is already a member, they do not have to sign up again for each dance. The \$10 membership fee covers all the S.O. activities for the year.

Membership Report: given by Ronnie Werner

- The new membership appeal is underway. Membership dollars directly fund afterschool clubs, teams and activities for our children. The average family donation is \$75, but any donation is welcome and will be put to good use. We are a little over halfway to our yearly goal of \$20,000 by June, but we are behind when compared to last year. Please send in your membership donation in an envelope marked "MS 67 PTA."

President's General Remarks: Adriana Aviles and Patricia Levy

- A general board member asked if the graduate picture day on the school calendar was a "cap and gown" picture. Mrs. Jenny Cho, parent coordinator, explained that it is a group photo for all the graduates, not an individual picture.
- Adriana Aviles invited the general board to call the CDEC office or submit to cdec.org with any questions or comments for Chancellor Carranza. Mrs. Aviles encouraged members to submit their questions and comments, whether you agree or disagree with Chancellor Carranza. All opinions are welcome. If you want your voice heard, please get involved, go on twitter, call local politicians, etc.
- A general board member asked if the BOE fund each child MS 67 at 100% of their operating budget. Mrs. Aviles explained that New York State is supposed to fund each child at 100% but we are at 83%, which is why we must raise money from our community. Mrs. Aviles mentioned that one of Chancellor Carranza's proposals was to limit the amount of money a PTA can use on their own school, and anything over that amount would have to be shared with schools with limited resources.
- A general board member asked if Chancellor Carranza's proposals for reduction in G&T programs in the city and redistribution of PTA funds were his decisions to make, or were they NYS decisions. Mrs. Aviles explained that the proposals are within the Chancellor's purview.



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Announcements: given by Patricia Levy

. • Coffee and Conversation with Principal Anello was rescheduled to January 24th.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next meeting is 2/10/2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Alexandra English, Recording Secretary