

PS/IS 187 PTO
General Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2022
7:04 p.m. - 8:22 p.m.

Welcome—PTO President Jennifer Bennion and Gwendolyn Kingsberry
Quorum 7:04 pm (20 participants)

2021-2022 PTO Executive Board Attendees:

Co-Presidents: Gwendolyn Kingsberry & Jennifer Bennion

Treasurer: Traci Schwinn

Recording Secretary: Stephanie Reed

Elementary School co-VPs: Yessika Murga & Dena Wolk

Intermediate School VP: Jacqueline Cruz

Communications Secretary: Ksenia Selemon

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Motion to approve: Katie Ledwell

2nd: Joy Waitkus

Approved (100%)

Principal's Report: N/A

Faculty Report:

Mr. Jennings spent \$600 on video editing hard drive and \$400 on photographs for kindergarten musical which is happening tomorrow. The bulk came out of school budget, but tax cannot be reimbursed by the school, which came to about \$100. He will ask the PTO to vote on reimbursement of approximately \$100.

SLT Report: N/A

President's Report (Jen B.):

- Schoolapalooza was a success and looking forward to next year.
- Thank you to the PTO for the 7th grade Trout Release Field Trip.
- Free PTO Little Library free bookshelf is available for kids to take and donate books during the morning before school for now and perhaps it can happen after school too.
- Class Photo Compilations: If students participated in any of the 2 picture days with Irvin Simon this year AND parents already purchased a photo package the child's class photo will be mailed directly to parents. Class photos should be delivered on or before July 14th. If students did NOT participate in any of the picture days and parents would like a copy of their class photo they should email: customercare@irvinsimon.com.
- Summer at the Library: Free events and programs, book giveaways, Make Waves program, reading recommendations, bi-weekly kids' newsletter.
- Citywide Digital Library – free books for NYC students. City Digital Library app on Sora through NYCSCHOOLS.
- Thank you from/to Jen for her past 4 years of service to the PTO Executive Board.
- Jen gave Gwen a plaque for her numerous years of service on the PTO Executive Board.

Treasurer's Report (Traci):

- Carryover from 2020/21: \$76,999.56

- Total Expenses since July, 2021: \$85,403.08
- Fundraising since July, 2021: \$61,847.42
- Bank balance: \$53,443.90
- Required Minimum Balance (per bylaws): \$10,000.00
- Current Balance: \$43,443.90
- Unobligated Balance*: \$37,443.90 (*\$6K for sensory floor and basketball hoops)
- Proposed Expenditures 2022/2023: \$77,820.00
 - The 8th grade expenditures went up, in part, to help with the 8th grade trip, which is getting more expensive every year, and so perhaps the school could defray some of the cost next year).
 - \$10K was rolled over for afterschool programs since Ms. Emel did not spend it this past year and asked to roll it over for next year.
 - Extra money was budgeted for the garden committee to continue what they've been doing but this past year they received a \$3K grant which they may or may not receive next year.
 - PTO expenses are going down because we no longer need to pay for the Zoom fee.
 - There were a few other smaller changes, additions, and reductions.
 - Rolling over the sensory wall and basketball hoop amount.
 - Hila: ES sports material went down? We purchased extra Nintendo switches this past year, so there may not be a need to buy more, but upkeep materials would still be needed.
 - Hila: Field trips prior to the pandemic - what was the amount? PTO gave \$20,000 for EEGs previously and slightly more than half would go to field trips and the rest was for supplies. Next year it can be increased by the PTO if it seems like it would be more. Field trips may need to be booked now though, so that would have to be discussed with the teachers.
- Proposed Fundraising 2022/2023: \$60,235.00
- Carryover in 2022: \$43,000.00
- Proposed Carryover in 2022/2023: \$24,615.00

Time to vote:

- Vote on Mr. Jennings reimbursement (~\$100.00): Motion: Gerry Goss, 2nd: Jackie Cruz. Motion passed (100%)
- Vote on proposed PTO 2022-2023 budget (\$77,820.00): Motion: Gerry Goss, 2nd: Michael Bridenstine. Motion passed (100%)

ES Report (Dena and Yessika):

- Kindergarten ice cream social was a success. Thanks to everyone who helped.
- Thank you to the CPRs!

IS Report (Jackie):

- Congratulations to the graduates.
- EBT cards were just reloaded (\$375/child).
- Nadiene: Summer rising orientation Monday for NYJTL virtually. PSW will have an orientation on the 29th (virtual). PS 48 has sent Nadiene pictures of the space to send to parents.
- Hila: What high school did graduates get into? It is a wide range. Maybe an email could be sent out from the school and the PTO.

- Marisa: Could there be an assembly with kids talking about their high schools? A lot of the choice is out of their hands, and it is a tough system.
- Ksenia: Maybe the 8th grade parents could get a support group together and the PTO Board could help.

Motion to Adjourn: Chris Jennings. 2nd: Gerry Goss

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.