

PTA Meeting Minutes
2.6.25

PTA Executive Board

- Presidents: Mary G and Miriam F
- Secretaries: Dana C and Rachel K
- Communications: Anna J
- Administration and Parent Coordinator: Dr. Fagin, Halee Hockman, Dawn Pender and Janet Cavanaugh
- Fundraising: Chana R and Meagan W
- PTA Co-Treasurers: Rachel M and Raul
- Afterschool: Marie Isner

Mary Gallagher makes a motion to approve the minutes and Miriam seconds the motion.

Overview:

The meeting covered several key updates and events.

The book fair raised over \$4,000.

Courageous Conversations- preferences for meeting will be offered at various times on February 28 and March 7. The purpose of Courageous Conversations is to focus on navigating race and racism.

The lice checks demonstration with Lice Out is scheduled for February 10th.

The spring course lottery opens on February 12, with results on March 11th.

The fifth-grade play auditions are on February 12th and 14th.

The Comfort Dog Initiative will begin in February.

The school is also hosting a mental health discussion on February 28.

The next PTA meeting is on March 21, with a meet and greet at 8:45 AM.

PTA President's Report

Information on Courageous Conversations seminars and a voting form for preferred times will be emailed in the following week.

The PTA is sponsoring a lice check demo can and it will be recorded and shared with the school community on 2/10

The book fair was a collaborative effort with Fork and Pencil, and it will be held again in January next year. It raised 4K and was well attended.

The Learning Support committee is hosting an open conversation on February 28th about the rise of mental health issues among youth, based on the book "The Anxious Generation."

There will be numerous vacancies for next year's Executive Board and a meet and greet with the board will take place on 3/21 after the meeting. A night time meet and greet will also take place with pizza and childcare to be provided. Details to follow.

Upcoming events: Super Science Saturday is on March 15th, Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 5th, the fifth grade play is on May 20th and May 21st, the Benefit and Auction is Thursday, May 29th and annual block party is June 13th.

Principal's Report - Dr. Fagin

Respect for All Week highlights the school's commitment to inclusivity and anti-bias work.

The school is recognized as a Respect for All school by the Department of Education, and this commitment is integrated into the curriculum.

Black History Month activities include a school-wide read-aloud of the book, "The Year We Learned to Fly" and other texts focused on Black History. This text is uplifting, joyous and really pays tribute to grandparents and our ancestors. The author, Jacqueline Woodson, who visited us last year and has a relationship with our school community so it was a great fit.

Afterschool Report, Marie Isner

Course Lotteries

The winter trimester ends on March 21st.

The spring course lottery will open on February 12, close on February 26, with results announced on March 11.

There will be a no-fee drop period that allows families to remove their child from a course without penalty for one week after the course results are released.

The device policy, which prohibits devices outside of backpacks during Kids Club and courses, with exceptions for emergencies is in effect.

Enrollment is up across all programs, including Kids Club and courses, with an average of 330 kids served daily.

Approximately 76% of kids in the school are enrolled in some type of after-school programming, with different kids attending each day.

School Play

Auditions for the upcoming fifth grade play auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," are scheduled for February 12 and 14.

Information about the auditions and the play, including ticket sales, is available on the school's website.

The play will be performed on May 20th and 21st

Treasurer Report - Rachel M

Fundraising has reached 101% of the goal, with merchandise sales and photo day contributing significantly.

Community events and activities have seen a substantial increase, with the Book Fair bringing in unexpected revenue.

After-school programs have brought in 61% of the budget, in line with last year's performance.

A successful shopping event with Alexis Bittar raised \$1,235

Notable expenses include yoga programs for pre-K and K, school-wide life checks, and a Lunar New Year lion dance.

Additional Questions:

Regarding construction- The construction is still in the very early phase. The garden may be impacted. Any updates regarding construction can be found on the school's website.