

General PA Meeting, 9-21-15

Start time 7:05 p,m,

Taffy's now an alumni "community" member of the board and is still willing to help. Amy is stepping down the end of this year (2016) so we will have elections, so please consider running.

Update from Ms. O'Mara

Thank you for coming to back to school night - attendance was lighter than expected, perhaps due to other school back to school nights. May keep in mind for next year.

Last year had a solid good year - graduation rose, ELA scores beat out district and state. Proficiency rates rose and our teachers are working great with the students -- very effective. Vast majority of the teachers rated effective. Pleased with growth.

Continue to grow use of language, use of argument and rubrics for teachers and students (360 feedback - student and teacher).

Several protocol goals for grade level meetings. Had a few incidents last year for at risk students. Teachers need to have conversations with each other about this "other professional work" meetings.

Additional goal is around strong family & community ties. During parent engagement time they are going to update a section of the website about their class. Working to develop parent activities, engagements and events.

September -- we have 1,493 students enrolled. They need to meet criteria in order to enroll. Need the lunch forms returned. (can do it online).

Students will be taking baseline assessments in classes to help the teachers thoughtfully plan instruction.

Safety drills went well. Will be doing them over the next several weeks. Kids need to be prepared so that things are smooth if anything should occur.

October - several community service events: (1) stamp out bullying (2) breast cancer awareness "fighting pretty" (3) mix it up day (4) senior parents meeting (5) college fair on October 14 (6) many other parent meetings.

Update from Julie: ARIS program went defunct - replaced by NYC School Account (insert website). Julie can provide you with the account and temp password (just email her with your child's OCIS account - if another child too, then they can be added to the same

account). Jupiter grades are still in place. Julie/Lori will ask about older grades/information from prior to the 2014-2015 school year. In lieu of ARIS, contact the school for transcripts.

Pulled our crossing guard at this corner of 237th & Independence this year. Suggest that parents drop off kids a few blocks away - please don't double & triple park. NYPD is a part of making these determinations. Suggest an individual letter writing campaign to: _____ (LORI O'MARA TO PROVIDE ADDRESS/CONTACT TO SEND TO). Made a contact at "beat the streets" with kiosks in the neighborhood. Promote the walk with kiosks and swipes - chance to win a kindle -- this is a Department of Transportation program. Question from a parent to ask to switch 237th into a one-way street.

End of Lori's remarks.

Amy Carr's review of PA officer positions.

Several committees need members signed up. Need 2-3 for health & safety.

1. Fundraising
2. Hospitality
3. Partnership
4. Special Education
5. Health & Safety
6. Mini Grant
7. Publicity

Next fundraising event is the Car Wash, this Saturday, September 26 (we should consider pre-sale of car wash tickets next year at Back to School night). Children can get community service hours (7th grade and up).

Need to elect two people to the School Leadership Team (SLT) -- meets monthly with Ms. O'Mara -- discussion of school policy, goals for ELA, Math, Teacher Reviews, Teacher Rubrics, Goals that need to be met by the counselor and board of education. Two people raised their hands:

1.
Kelly Erickson-Jorge
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Daughter: Abigail Jorge, 6th Grade

2.
Alan Merenstein
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Son: Adam Merenstein, 8th Grade

Farrah/ Treasurer report

Budget proposal for the 2015-2016 school year.

Direct appeal \$6,520.00 now at \$5,700.00

Sixth grade, budgeted \$800.00 and did \$2,000.00

Back to school, budgeted \$2,500.00 and did \$3,500.00

RCC, budgeted for three signups \$1,000.00 - did \$445.00 so far.

Good inventory of merchandise available. Introduced new products - sold well. Already made \$5,400.00 in merchandise this year (COGS = \$10,000.00).

October 2 -- coffee with the Principal

Needs an accountant as RKA PA files for non-profit status. Lori Kenny to ask her father, Robert Rosenblum about it.

New Business

None reported