



PTO General Meeting - September 23rd 2021

6 board members present:

Co-Presidents: Idesha Fraser and Jenn Morrison, 282pto@gmail.com

Treasurer: Angela Bellisio, treasurer@282parkslope.org

Communications Secretary: Tamika Young, communications@282parkslope.org

Co-VPs of Fundraising: China Hoffman and Mike Newman, fundraising@282parkslope.org

Recording Secretary: Charlie Paradise, secretary@282parkslope.org

6:05 Call meeting to order

- Welcome (Idesha)

6:06 Intro to the PTO

- Board introduced themselves
- Tamika reviewed what the PTO does
 - Work to provide a sense of community
 - Open roles:
 - Co-treasurer: Managing budget, providing equitable access
 - VP Outreach: Connect with 282 and broader Park Slope community
 - VP Upper School: Connected to admin as it relates to grades 3-5
 - Will open floor at next meeting for anyone interested in these roles
 - Only requirements are 2 hrs/month

6:11 Principal's Report - Principal Amy Rodriguez

- This year: Recovery to reinvention
- Continue toward goals:
 - Equitable experiences for all students
 - Foster lifelong love of learning and experiential learning
- Have international baccalaureate candidacy.
 - Worldwide program and way of thinking about education
 - Will have a series of workshops to help families understand what this is
- SLT goals: Rigorous instruction and strong family ties
 - Working towards these through the IB and and education innovation grant for a social emotional development, and engaging with the Minor Collective - a series of workshops to ensure students have more equitable outcomes
- We are coming back from the pandemic stronger
 - In grades 3-5, we now have a music teacher! Will grow this every year.
 - We also have an art program
- Look out for parent workshops in October

6:18 SLT Report - Ms S. Cardona

- SLT = School leadership team
- Made up of staff, students, and parents
- Meeting the first Tuesday of the month, from 5:00-6:30
 - Even if you are not a member, your voice is important! Please join and contribute ideas.
- Goals: Rigorous instruction and strong family ties
- This is the opportunity to come together and be heard
- **Context (Idesha):**
 - SLT members are voted in at the same time at PTO EB
 - Everyone is a member of the PTO

6:22 Finance Report (Angela)

- Review of the approved budget
 - We reimburse every teacher \$400 for supplies: Amazon wishlists, donorschoose.org
 - We also pay for enrichments - we had money for music and art programs, but now that's in school we can reallocate those funds
- Summary of income and expenses to date (our year starts July 1)
 - We have already taken in \$3,500 and spent \$1,400
 - We had welcome events this summer and Sept 18
 - Primary income is direct donation. Check for employer matching funds!
 - Amazon Smile
 - Restricted funds-Greenzone income/expenses are independent of PTO budget
 - This is another enrichment, but they have their own fundraising budget which we keep in our account. This is not part of the general PTO account.
- Will review the finance monthly, and then quarterly in detail to compare projected to actual

6:32 Vote to approve last meeting minutes (June 2021)

- Motion Jenn, seconded Tamika and Mike

6:33 Fundraising Report (China)

- Spooktacular is coming up on October 30. Details are still TBD, but if you are willing and able to help there is going to be a planning meeting on Tuesday, September 28th at 8 PM on Zoom. We'll send out a sign up genius closer to the event.
- Please suggest ideas!
 - You do not need to run the event to submit an idea!
 - We don't have to make money every time. It's about community
- T-shirt Contest (Jenn)
 - We are opening this to all students
 - Provide an illustrations for this year's limited edition shirt
- General fundraising info:
 - Can give through Paypal, 282 PTO
 - AmazonSmiles
 - There are many ways to contribute to the school, even if you can't afford or don't want to donate money.

6:36 Outreach Report (Tamika)

- We are still in need of class parents for the upper grades, so if interested, please fill out [this form](#).
- Would like to have all spaces filled by next week
- The Key Responsibilities Include:
 - Advocate for the class and school
 - Help serve as a conduit for communication between the teacher and parents
 - Be an accessible and comfortable source for fellow parents to bounce ideas
 - Help foster class bonding and school spirit
 - Usher certain feedback to the appropriate school representative
 - Be a cheerleader for the teacher and their initiatives
 - Thoughtful classroom leader
 - Assist in organizing contributions that families would like to give towards classroom needs
- If anyone has any experience with getting grants, please let us know! tiny.cc/282Grants

6:40 Communications Report (Tamika)

- We want to hear from you. What are the things you would like to have us highlight?
- Lots of ways for us to stay connected, so if you are not receiving communications, please reach out to communications@282parkslope.org
 - Newsletter comes out every Sunday - please subscribe to receive updates and information
 - We post around events both in the school and outside
 - Reminder to check your Spam/Junk Folders periodically as soon emails randomly filter to these locations
- Like us on Facebook - [Park Slope School PS/MS 282](#)
- Follow us on Instagram - [@ps282parkslope](#)
- NY DOE FACE emails - you can sign up via your NY Schools Account
 - This is where can you get information from the district
 - Lot of resources in here

6:43 GreenZone (Jenn on behalf of coordinator Agata Maczka)

- Always looking for volunteers to take care of the school gardens
 - You do not need a green thumb!
 - Please email PS282GreenZone@gmail.com
 - Next event, Oct 3rd, 9-12pm
- If you have a car, we are looking for help getting mulch from Greenwood Cemetery
- We have rats in the playgrounds. To stop the burrowing, we're laying concrete and then having raised beds. If you have any experience with this, please let us know.

6:46 Open Forum

- Note that Miss Collie-Cyrus is out for the next week, so responses may be slow

6:50 Adjourn Meeting