

**PTO General Meeting - 1/16/2020**

**8 Executive Board Members in Attendance:**

Presidents: Idesha and Jenn

VPs of Fundraising: Christina and Tracey

VP of Outreach: Brianna

Recording Secretary: Chris

Middle School Liaison: Malaika

Treasurer: Angela

Membership Committee: Mike Newman

# 6:10 P.M.: Call to order

# 6:11: School Leadership Team (“SLT”) Presentation (Steve and Principal Amy)

* Introduction to SLT
* 5 priority areas for SLT:
  + 1. Effective School Leadership
    - Equity Instructional Leadership Team
    - Horizon program
    - Ensuring parents receive weekly updates
  + 2. Improvement of family ties:
    - Family Fridays
      * Grade appropriate activities for Family Fridays
    - Parent workshops
      * New math
      * Technology
      * Dealing with tantrums
      * Middle school application / acceptance process
      * Working on a universal electronic communication system
    - Nurturing diversity at 282:
      * Meeting with District 13 superintendent to discuss possible solutions
      * Outreach to pre-k programs in District 13 to encourage applicants
  + 3. SEE LIST OF PRIORITIES STEVE TALKED ABOUT
* Perceived “Wins” to date under Principal Amy:
  + 4th and 5th grade student committee which interacts with 282 administration
  + Musical IQ
  + Comfort dog
  + Nugen at recess
  + Equity Instructional Leadership Team
  + 15 new air conditioners have been received as of 1/16
* Items to be addressed:
  + Improving communications:
    - Base Camp – comprehensive communication system interface between administration, teachers and parents
    - Looking at a number of Student management / Learning management systems
  + Top down review of each teacher and their
* Upcoming:
  + Black History Month Night at the Museum
  + Email forthcoming with next steps from the SLT

# 6:45: Finance Review (Angela)

* Review of 282’s P&L for the 2019-2020 school year
  + This high-level categorical summary will be the format going forward.
  + Parents are welcome to review the finance in more detail by appointment.
* We remain on target for revenue and expenses for the school year.

# 6:51: Fundraising (Tracey & Christina)

* Movie night last week - $1,300
* Upcoming events:
  + January:
    - Graphics Contest – posters are up at school, ends 1/31/2020
    - 1/31: 282 Day at Chipotle (Flatbush Ave. ????). 33% of proceeds go to 282 if you say you’re there from 282.
  + Jan / Feb:
    - F45 fundraiser. Begins 1/26. Free week of training. Donations will be made to 282 PTO in different increments depending on level of interest.
  + February:
    - 2/5: Give $5, get a button
    - Movie night, hosted by Green Zone, **need volunteers**
    - 2/7, 2/10: Valentine’s Day pop up shop in lobby.
  + 3/16: Spring Auction Party
  + 6/6: Fair for the Arts (**we need a co-chair and volunteers**)
* Amazon purchases:
  + Please use this link to make purchases, as the PTO gets a share of each purchase (link also available on each PTO email): <https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=282org-20&camp=216797&creative=394601&linkCode=ur1&adid=0HSKVSBC0FHAZH24C6DP&&ref-refURL=http://rcm.amazon.com/e/cm%3Ft%3D282org-20%26o%3D1%26p%3D48%26l%3Dur1%26category%3Damazonhomepage%26f%3Difr>
  + You can also use Smile Amazon
* Teacher wish lists
  + Individual lists for teachers are available on Smile Amazon. Link also available on the PTO website: <https://www.282parkslope.org/282-pto-1>

# 7:03: Outreach Updates (Brianna)

* School tours:
  + The tours this year have continued to be great, with approx. 110 people attending the last tour.
  + **Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers!!**
* Grant writing:
  + We need help with grant writing. A committee was formed this year, and we need more participation.
  + Please bring any grants you find to Brianna and Chris’ attention, or just use this link and enter the grants directly: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PRK9eBf_9SZe-VEKOnxHGD2O-ElCTWHRvlZeNibhnyk/edit?usp=sharing>
  + Contact us about how you can get involved in this low risk / high reward proposition that directly benefits your child!

# 7:06: Communications (Jenn)

* Please let us know if you are not receiving weekly PTO emails. Check your spam
* Subscribe to social media. We post each week, so stay tuned!

# 7:07: Green Zone (Tracey)

* Saturday 1/25 (9am to 3pm) is a garden day where we will be building the new garden beds. Beds employ a system of wire mesh and rock to deter rodents from burrowing.
* **We need pebbles for bed boxes and pebbles**

# 7:08: Q&A

* Q: What is the issue with the copiers?
  + A: Yes, there are ongoing issues with printers.
* Q: Does PTO refund teachers for supplies?
  + A: Teachers need to fill out the forms (available in PTO office). Approx. four-week turnaround time for checks to be cut.

# 7:12 PM – Meeting Adjourned