



## PTO General Meeting - February 11 2020

### 6 board members present:

Co-Presidents: Idesha Fraser and Jenn Morrison, [282pto@gmail.com](mailto:282pto@gmail.com)

VP of Fundraising: Mike Newman, [fundraising@282parkslope.org](mailto:fundraising@282parkslope.org)

VP of Outreach: TBD, [outreach@282parkslope.org](mailto:outreach@282parkslope.org)

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Communications Secretary: Tamika Young, [communications@282parkslope.org](mailto:communications@282parkslope.org)

Co-Treasurers: Angela Bellisio and Krystina Athas, [treasurer@282parkslope.org](mailto:treasurer@282parkslope.org)

### 6:05 Call to order (Idesha)

### 6:05 Vote to Approve January Minutes (Idesha)

- Move for approval - Jenn, Katie
- Approved, without objection (Krystina, Angela)

### 6:06 Happenings (Idisha)

- The EB meetings are also open to the public!
  - Monday before the PTO meeting
- Amy's podcast listening club meets every Wednesday
  - Current listening to: Nice White Parents
  - Signup going out again on Sunday

### 6:08 Finance

- Financial Report (Angela)
  - Continue to reimburse teachers. 17 so far.
  - Paid for a Zoom account and web hosting
- Enrichment proposals (Krystina)
  - **Artyard**
    - All remote program catering to 3 classes a week, catering to (Pre-K and K), (1st and 2nd), (3rd-5th). Both live and pre-recorded.
    - Cost is \$20,000
    - School has budget to provide art supplies on top of this to ensure everyone has what they need
    - Unanimous vote in favor
  - **Greenzone**

- \$1400 per cohort
- This is the virtual portion
- Unanimous vote in favor

### **6:25 Fundraising (Mike)**

- Bingo
  - 28 people have registered so far, which is almost all the cards
  - Prizes organized from Little Things
  - Should be fun!
- Fundraising strategy
  - Some families want us to be less active during this time, whereas others want to be involved in more activities
  - It's been hard to find activities that are respectful of hybrid and virtual students
  - Costs are down as we can do less this year
  - We're trying to do activities around community rather than fundraising
- Readathon
  - We are going to do this in March
  - It's going to be about reading and prizes, but not about fundraising explicitly
- Spring appeal
  - Haven't talked about this yet
  - While donations are always welcomed, unless we are raising for a specific cause we are not raising money right now
  - From a treasurer POV, we don't need to fundraise to keep on track for this year as our expenses are low.
  - We have received more large donations this year than we have done in the past which we want to spend this year

### **6:37 Outreach Report (Idesha)**

- Pre-K school tours update
  - Session 1: Wednesday, February 24th - 9:30 AM EST
  - Session 2: Tuesday, March 9th - 6:00 PM EST
  - Session 3: Wednesday, March 24th - 9:30 AM EST
- Class Parents Outreach
  - If you would like to sign up to be a class parent, please fill out [this form](#)
  - As it's late in the year, will reach out to teachers if we need to communicate with classes without class parents
  - Any ideas, let us know
- Grants - [tiny.cc/282Grants](https://tiny.cc/282Grants)

### **6:43 Communications Report (Tamika)**

- Talked about how to bridge the communication between the school communication and PTO communication
- We want to hear from you. What are the things you would like to have us highlight? We want this to more than a place to post updates and events. Want to build a community.
- Starting a 282 PTO YouTube page as a resource for student friendly content
- Lots of ways for us to stay connected
  - if you are not receiving communications, please reach out to [communications@282parkslope.org](mailto:communications@282parkslope.org)

- Newsletter comes out every Sunday - please subscribe to receive updates and information
- 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

#### **6:48 Open Forum**

- Any word about whether kids will be back in school in September?
  - May not be vaccinated by then
  - Good to address in Coffee Clatch (2/26)
- Concern about the kids not going outside for gym on days when the weather is suitable
  - Can Mr Fiken take them outside?
  - One teacher says that it's hard to get permission slips to go out and look at trees
    - These are in the counter in the main office. Teachers can take these at will.
  - Another teacher does not want to use their limited time going outside
  - Good to address in Coffee Clatch (2/26)

#### **6:51 Parent Coordinator's Corner**

- No update from Mrs. Collie-Cyrus, 282 parent coordinator

#### **6:51 More Open Forum**

- Is there interest in doing another "spooktacular" style modified event for the spring auction?
  - Going to be hard with physical objects
  - A lot of this comes down to the COVID situation at the time
  - Don't need the fundraising
  - Could be mainly a party (became fall fair) with a smaller auction attached
  - Force Soccer (Gowanus) are interested in being part of the community
    - Would need to be virtual and have content people can use on their own schedule

#### **6:57 Adjourn Meeting**