

PS 163 SLT Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2017

Attendees:

Kelly Aherne	Allyce Fucigna	Timothy Nelson
Alan Arbel	Mary Harvey	Jennifer Rotich
Cyrus Boquin	Lauren Jones	Samantha Siegel
Stefania Clegg	Donny Lopez	Agnes Zakrzewska
Andrea Duncan-Mao	Laura Maurer	

- Minutes from 10/17/17 were approved/seconded.
- Parent Co-Chairs: Andrea Duncan-Mao and Agnes Zakrzewska
- Principal's Report:
 - A. Max Scholar: Tuesday/Thursday 7:45, K-5,
Groups: (1) Computer Lab, (1) Ms. Aherne's Office
 - B. Road Runner on Wednesdays
 - C. Kindergarten Registration Window open as of 11/28/17 (for approx 6 weeks) for children born in 2013.
 - D. G&T Testing window for application has closed. Contact Ms. Spence if you have a child in PS 163 who you want tested.
If a child is not in PS 163 and is at least 4 years old, testing is available on Weeneds during January 2018.
 - E. Kid's Pajama Day scheduled for Thursday 11/30/17.
 - F. E3 Sports - It assists with conflict resolution (structured activities/support) tied to social/emotional learning initiative. E3 Sports is PTA funded and are already paid. They come to school during recess periods to run games. Starts 12/4/17 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (all 3 lunch periods) through June 2018. E3 said they will meet with staff to discuss what they see as far as individual issues with students. E3 has already surveyed the school to put the best plan together for activities. E3 will have (2) representatives for the first week of 12/4. Student Participation is not mandatory.
 - G. Pre-K / Kindergarten 1st floor entrance opens at 8:20 through 8:30. After 8:30, students must enter through main entrance and go to the office. School personnel will walk the child(ren) to class. After 8:40 AM, student(s)/parent must sign in with safety agents (mandatory) and then go to office.
 - H. Prep for Prep (for families to test into Private Schools) scheduled for 8:30AM on 12/8/17.
 - I. 24th Precinct Toy Give Away scheduled for 12/9/17. 20 invitations given to families in need. Any excess toys are then distributed to other students.
 - J. School collecting Toys with Donation Nation.
 - K. NDI Dates: 4th Grade Mid-Year Performance scheduled for 12/13/17 at 10AM and 11AM (for Parents)
 - L. Holiday Sing Along:
12/21 at 1:30PM for Pre-K, K and 1st Grade
12/22 at 9AM and 1:30 PM for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades
 - M. Mexican Dance (3rd Grade) scheduled for 12/12 at 8:45AM and 10AM

N. Budget Review tabled to next month's meeting

- PTA Report:

- A. Budget Collection is generally meeting goals. Only event that did not meet expectations was Square 1 Art (from \$8,400.00 in 2016 to \$3,200.00 in 2017). Dia event raised \$4K this year.

- B. Need help with tour hosting (parent representation). 8:40AM start on the following dates:

- 11/30/17, 12/7/17, 12/14/17 and 1/10/18 (about 30min long)

- During tours, teachers should keep the class flowing, but engage with the tour if the opportunity presents itself. Document/Tour Guide being put together.

- C. La Esqualita Spanish Early Childhood Pre-K/K special tour scheduled for 1/2/12/17 at 8:40AM.

- D. PTA Events:

- Movie Night (potentially in December)

- Senator Brian Benjamin visiting on 12/14 at 5:30PM evening PTA meeting

- E. Shakespeare Festival scheduled; total cost to hold is \$1,350.00. Donations fall short each year. PTA considering whether to factor the costs in the next budget.

- In discussing the event itself with the faculty, an anonymous survey was determined as the best way to gauge if teachers think it is worthwhile. Timing for the performance was difficult for teachers as report cards were still being worked on in advance of scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences.

- Wellness Expo was discussed/reviewed

- CEP Group Review:

- A. Goals are online for review (can be found on the NYC DOE PS 163 website. For the statistics and budget link, scroll to mid-page to find CEP 2017-2018 outline.

- B. Broke into subgroups for CEP Individual Group Review.

Next Meeting in Library on Wednesday December 13th at 7:15 AM