



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES • January 26, 2018

A. In Attendance

It was noted that (a) parents and other “persons in a parental relation” as defined by the regulations of the New York City Chancellor and designated persons having a relationship to a child or children currently attending Q300 (the “**Parents**”) and (b) eligible Q300 teachers and instructional staff members who are currently employed on a full-time basis (the “**Staff**”) at Q300 were present. The total number of Parents and Staff present was 58.

B. Call to Order

Co-PTA Presidents Maria Hantzopoulos and Margarita Soto called the meeting of the General Membership of the Q300 Parent-Teacher Association (the “**PTA**”) to order at 5:40 pm in the cafeteria at the lower division campus at 28-37 29th Street, Astoria, NY 11102.

C. President’s Report

Co-Presidents Maria Hantzopoulos & Margarita Soto gave the President’s report. The following are the highlights:

1. Direct Appeal campaign is in full swing. We have raised \$157K to date; which our the highest amount at this point in the school year! Thank you to David, Amanda, Sue, Adriana, Blain & Kevin for the hard work organizing the Direct Appeal and to all of the families who have generously contributed.
2. Enrichment programs update
 - a. K-4 Music Program is running through early June
 - b. MS Electives: Debate, Robotics, Student Council, Memory Making, the Butterfly Storytelling, Art 2.0, Brain Games, Chess, Math Club, Spelling Bee, Global Leaders, Clay Creations, and Ted Ed Talk. Provided by Q300 teachers with support from PTA.
 - c. Elementary Visual Arts for classes 101 & 201 and Alvin Ailey Dance for class 401 are both 10-week cycles.
 - d. Grades 6-8 Choir, Musical Theatre, Animation Elective are all running for 14 weeks in Winter & Spring.
 - e. 8th Grade Video Production is a 16-week program running Winter & Spring.
 - f. Supplies & Professional Development: The PTA has purchased laminators and printers for both campuses. Several school staff members have registered for Responsive Classroom through the PTA’s PD fund.
3. Events
 - a. The MS Hack-a-thon will be on January 30
 - b. Square One Art projects are due January 31
 - c. Zumba-thon March 9 at the ES Campus
 - d. NY International Children’s Film Festival February 23 – March 18

- e. "Tea Days" are coming up February 26 – March 5
 - f. Auction Sunday, May 6. Location is being solidified.
 - g. Box Tops due Friday, February 9
 - h. Chess Tournament Sunday, February 11
4. Appreciations: Sarah & Gina for the Coat & Sock Drives; all of the parents for food donations & volunteering for the Teacher Holiday Breakfast; Enrichment Committee (Technology & Spanish research Teams); MS Enrichment Team; Blain & Kevin for Bierocracy Mixer and the Gift Card Fundraiser; One School Building Committee & the parents that attended the CEC Meeting on 12/11; Margarita & Lynn for the MS Hack-a-thon and Asako for the Kaplan Program.
 5. Tonight's event: Thank You to the amazing group who pulled it all together! We have an excellent turn out. Awesome raffle & auction prizes available, the Debate Team is holding a sale to raise funds to buy shirts for their next debate and there will be performances and LOTS of food!! Grateful to the amazing parents who contributed to this fun event.
 6. Lynn & Margarita gave information about the upcoming Hack-a-thon on January 30. Should be a great event for the MS students!

D. Treasurer's Report

The attached Treasurer's Report, which summarizes the PTA's finances as of December 31, 2017 and the Interim Financial Report, which summarizes the PTA's finances as of January 15, 2018 were both circulated. The following are highlights:

1. In December, we raised over \$67k in direct appeal - a big jump due to the year-end push bringing us to \$157k year to date. The other large ticket fundraising income amount was almost \$14k in giftcard fundraiser proceeds. Net of expenses, this fundraiser brought in \$1.5k in net income
2. In December, we also paid \$39k for teachers assistants for the January to March 2018 period, as well as \$5k for teacher wishlist items and \$3k for printers, laminators and other school supplies. In terms of enrichments, we paid almost \$7k for the Elementary School music program with BCM
3. We also raised net \$100 at the movie night for the Puerto Rico hurricane effort and Maria kicked in another \$200 of her own fundraising efforts so we could spend \$300 on supplies for the school in PR.
4. Net income for the month was \$12k, for the year to date \$41k and we have over \$225k in cash
5. Related to the Interim Financial Report from the end of December to January 15, we raised \$11.3k Direct Appeal, \$1.4k Stomping Ground Picture Day and \$0.8k Corporate match from the Gallery Event. We had one expense during this time, \$5k Franklin Furnace for MS Enrichment.

E. SLT Update

Monica Mohan gave a brief SLT Report. She explained that the SLT was working on the Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) Goals.

F. Principal's Report

Principal Bill Biniaris gave the Principal's Report. The following are highlights:

1. Elementary School Report

- a. Announcements: MS ICT Teacher Hired
- b. Engineering for Kids: One time per week. Erika Ball will do character Education the other day.
- c. MS Art Teacher going out on medical leave on Friday
- d. Debate Team Congratulations
- e. Chess Team Congratulation
- f. Spelling Bee Contest is upcoming
- g. Mr Woo Math Contest
- h. MS Winter Dance tonight!
- i. 3rd & 4th Grade & MS After School Test Sophistication. More information to come.
- j. MS After School Executive Function starting soon
- k. 2nd Marking Period ends Jan 29 and report cards come out on Feb 5. Skedula: Bill is using it as a communication tool. Please log on to track your child's progress.
- l. Upcoming Field Trips for classes 101 & 102 and 401 & 402
- m. Kindergarten Pizzeria UNO & celebrating the 100 Days of School events coming up
- n. Parent Question: IEP or all Students for test prep? ALL Students. Question: Will technology be 1 period per week for the rest of the year? YES. Plan is to bring Ali back next year.

G. Resolutions

1. **Amend budget to adjust budget for Gift Card Fundraiser.** A motion was made to amend the budgeted income to \$21K and expenses to \$20K. The motion was seconded. A majority of Members present approved the motion.
2. **Motion to fund an additional \$100 for the Math Club.** The motion was seconded. A majority of Members present approved the motion.
3. **Motion to fund an additional \$200 for the 8th Grade Video Elective.** The motion was seconded. A majority of Members present approved the motion.
4. **Motion to fund \$280 for the Hack-a-thon prizes.** The motion was seconded. A majority of Members present approved the motion.

H. New Business

There were parent questions about class trip back-up plans and date for field day. Bill and Anna are working on both.

Ix. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The February General Meeting date and location are TBD. The PTA is planning to hold some morning meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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David William Wang & Gina Reis, Co-Secretaries