

**PTA Meeting
PS 107
Cafeteria
December 13, 2013**

Start 8:30 am

1. Vote on New PTA Board Member, Stacey Petruzella,

attendees = 21 total

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Stacey Petruzella voted in as board member, Green and Healthy.

2. Jim Brennan, Assemblyman

- a. Assemblyman Brennan discussed Mayor DiBlasio's proposed increase in income taxes to cover UPK, and stressed that this requires approval from state govt. Jim supports it. It would raise \$300M for UPK + After school expansion in Junior High (Middle) Schools.
- b. The outcome (more Pre-K) would require space, which public schools do not, at this time, have. Assemblyman Brennan thinks we can partially fund this, and achieve the goal over several years, state aid still remaining the primary issue.
- c. NYC = 50% of state tax rev's - unfair for State govt's to write tax refund checks without substantial relief for us for programming.
- d. Hospitals in BK are bankrupt - Brooklyn, Interfaith, LICH. Now, no funds are being proposed by Cuomo. It is vital we maintain health care in BK. We have many needs for our children and health in general. Another major concern of his. The Brooklyn assembly delegation is attempting to work for the State Dept of Health to prevent collapse.

3. Ms Eve - Principal's Report

- a. Eve - kids who enter K without Pre-K at a great disadvantage. She supports full-day Pre-K.
- b. Grandparents' Day was a huge hit. 75 - 100 Grandparents here! SO happy to be here. (Snowflake campaign - also fabulous!)

- c. Upcoming Parent Workshops – Math – Deb Armitage – Workshop on K–2 parents on Problem–solving. From Math Exemplars. She’ll also do one for parents of 3–5 in March. We’ll also have Literacy workshops for all grades. (probably February)
- d. Eve discussed the Arts Residencies. Together in Dance. 1st Grade – will split into 2 nights. African Dance – 3rd Grade.
- e. Pascale did a Special Ed workshop – IEP – if you feel your child needs extra support, she provided info on the programs available and how to access them.
- f. We will have a School–wide Quality Review coming up.
- g. There was a meeting at 321 – School Principals met with DiBlasio’s team to express concerns– one initiative is to get rid of the School Report Card Grade.
- h. PASS committee organizing a forum at PS 107 on High Stakes Testing.

4. Heather Damon – Parent Coordinator

- a. another school–wide lice check – Monday Jan 6th.
- b. 4th grade parents – meeting at end of this year – to prep for next year – June 2014. Please check ARIS, as lates and absences are looked at for Middle School admissions. We need to know if there is a mistake now, so we can correct it in time.

5. President’s Report – Alyse Dosik

- a. Snowflake Sale has made over \$440
- b. Tonight Track Fundraiser. (movie)

6. Fundraising Report – Angela Kurzawa

- a. we had a crazy successful Gear Sale last week and Grandparents’ Day. If you need anything special, email Angela@PS107.ORG.
- b. School Photos – let Angela know if there is anything you need.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Lauren Cooperman

- a. We raised \$500 in donations from Grandparents Day

8. Art Day – Louise Radwell

- a. Great Music program on 4th Floor. Classical Guitar, and Dance Party, and parent facilitating sing–a long. We ran out of supplies. We raised \$1,000 appx.

- b. We had a Holiday Bazaar.
- c. Brought in so much at the door in parent donations

9. Susie Jen, Learning Friends

- a. Brings parents and grandparents in the school once a week to read with a kid one-on-one.
- b. We are training people to do it.
- c. Very rewarding experience, and very much appreciated.
- d. Steve Kreps has been volunteering- the "easiest and the most rewarding position" for him.
- e. Teachers choose students from class - so we need 15 volunteers in January.

10. Steve Kreps – Math and Science Day

- a. We need more exhibits so anyone who knows anything about science and engineering, please facilitate a workshop.

11. Steve Kreps – SLT Report

- a. SLT Approved Comprehensive Education Plan– 3 things we are trying to improve math proficiency
- b. proficiency in general lower grades
- c. We are posting minutes every month it is on the website.

12. Food Drive for City Harvest – Julie Fissinger

- a. Bring in food today or Monday, cans especially.