

**October 2013 – Minutes
PTA Meeting – PS 107**

October 17, 2013

Start 7:05 pm

1. **Police Office Brian Laffey – from 78th Precinct**– here to show his support re pedestrian safety.
 - a. Enforcement is stepping up a lot now re speeders. 72 hr window after an incident where they flood the area
 - b. Working with Susan Fox and Brad Lander re street safety
 - c. Doing research with DOT – slow zones, speed bumps, etc.
 - d. Transportation Alternatives – want to get involved with pedestrian safety. Police are speaking with them as well.
 - e. One point from audience – maybe put in cameras that send tickets via mail. (rumor – we may be getting one in front of school)
 - f. Petitions going around too – officer recommends these to be submitted to NYC DOT
 - g. “Slow Zones” – requested by PSCC – but hard to get.
 - h. You can apply for speed bumps – not on main avenues.
2. **Ms. Eve – Principal’s Update**
 - a. Safety– would like our crossing guards to talk to kids – but AS GROWN–UPS we must model the behavior for our kids. We have a monthly safety meeting – anyone who wants to attend is invited. What do we do to protect our yard? Balls are a problem during transition from dismissal and after–school. A hazard to drivers too. **Next School Safety Committee meeting is Oct 30 at 2:20pm.** During school day as a UFT rep is on committee.
 - b. **Soft lock–down drill –Oct 30th.** Tomorrow sharing a Powerpoint with faculty that will be shared with kids. Mild – talks about evacuation, fire drills. We are doing a shelter–in – would happen if there is police activity outside the building. Hard lockdown is when there is an intruder in the building. Referring to it as a “**Shelter–in**”
 - c. Investigating possible trip to “Safety City” in Queens. Mostly related to traffic.
 - d. Rainbow Looms – such a distraction – please discourage your children from bringing them to school. She will write a letter to parents about this.

- e. Coffee with Principal started – did 5th and 4th grade already. Common Core standards
- f. **Parent-Teacher conferences are Nov 14th.** Half Day.

3. **Parent Coordinator – Heather Damon**

- a. 5th grade – tomorrow last day to register for Mark Twain test
- b. Applications for middle school – end of Nov. – children sign for the applications.
- c. 4th grade parents – keep absences to a minimum. If children are sick, write a note and keep a copy.

4. **Fall Festival Update – Alyse Dosik**

- a. Need people for Spin and Sand Art. Please check Sign Up Genius for opportunities.
- b. If you have a middle schooler, have them sign up to volunteer! They will get a free wristband to get in. They can sign up as a team with a friend.
- c. Need Line Monitors for Face Painting.
- d. We have 15 sponsors this year – Lisa from **TOLA Architecture** is a sponsor – they have a special “TOLA Block Party” activity planned for 14th St, where they will set up a block building area. Also, sidewalk chalk. Activities for little ones. Not child care, but age-appropriate.
- e. Clothing and Halloween Costume Drive. Should be set up on 14th St/8th Ave from 9 am on.
- f. Chili needs to be there by 11:30, so it has time to warm up.
- g. Need a few more gear sale volunteers

One more quick event – **Alice Waters – Thurs Nov 21st**. She is a legendary chef/ author started Edible Schoolyard. The Mother of Farm to Table. MS 88. Tickets are \$65.

5. **Harvest Day Update – Marin Riegger for Stacey Petruzella.** An amazing day.! Volunteer!

6. **SLT** – has not met yet this month, but Heidi **Igoe and Vicki Sell** gave a little update. Parent reps can be a tool for communicating between parents and this group. Trying to make parent representatives more visible this year. Emails will be online. Going through things Eve is addressing, giving input as parents. **Deborah Iarussi and Steve Kreps** are other parent reps on SLT. Minutes are online.

7. Budget Discussion – Marin Riegger

- a. Highlighting changes from last year, including...
 - i. Income – last year be budgeted \$74K made \$82. Now we are at \$90k. Set the mark a bit higher.
 - ii. Swag and Goodwill – under fundraising – we are now accounting for it on a regular basis. We will keep track of this and gear more accurately.
 - iii. Fall Festival and Valentine’s Day – we estimate our income will be low, and hope to exceed.
 - iv. Auction – last year made \$56K.
 - v. School Support – Arts enrichment has increased – due to program costs and total number of students we are serving.. Math enrichment up this year. Re–vamping Math Superstars. Using outside Math Specialist. To ensure it is complementing the curriculum.
 - vi. PE support – needed additional funds last year to replace equipment lost at Armory – Hurricane Sandy last year.
 - vii. Classroom Assistant Teacher support – line item
 - viii. Custodian Support –to ensure our custodian has what he needs.
 - ix. PTA business – Childcare and Pizza for PTA meetings – decreased. On–line processing fees – for tickets, events.
 - x. We allocate as efficiently as we can.
 - xi. Question from floor – SOS campaign – gave Eve \$100K last year – not in our budget – was used for F–Status teachers – Ms. .Denise, Kim Landman, Alice Ott.

b. 22 people present for vote.
– **Approve Budget : Yea – ___22___ No ___0___**
Abstain ___0___
– **Approve new PTA Board Roster: Yea – _22_**
No_0_ Abstain _0_

- c. 7on board voting –
- d. (*note, additional 20 people voting Yea on both items at Friday morning Mini Meeting – Oct 18th.)