

MS 447 PTA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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Meeting of the executive committee of MS 447 PTA was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Introduction of the new parent coordinator – Amy Sirot who was also a volunteer for the day.

Lunchroom Update from IA Principal Rusch reflected that based on feedback from the parents and student population, the new arrangement is working well. Meetings have been held with the High School principal and the network leaders and the seating arrangement is being resolved. Additional tables are being ordered.

Arrangements are being made to expand the lunch clubs and Ms. Rusch requested the assistance of the PTA to solicit parent volunteers to assist in the lunch room so some of the teachers can be better utilized in tech clubs, etc.

A suggestion was made to arrange to have a lunch meeting with the parent coordinators of both MS447 and HS for the Arts to bridge any differences and foster a relationship to support the community.

Participatory budgeting was addressed by Doug H who advised the team regarding the district restrictions and voting process. He further discussed the proposal process and the need for a committee to assist as well as making this a collaborative effort with the High School. We are working with deadline in November 2014 and he will continue to reach out to Levin's office and the HS coordinator to further discuss. The option to approach DOE for additional funding for the bathrooms is also a consideration. Doug will need a steering committee and arrange for related proposal meetings etc.

ICI Parent Mixer on October 15th was approved by the committee and the ICI Management.

B&N 7th Avenue – have approved November 22nd for MS447 to assist with gift wrapping, provide entertainment and they have kindly approved that any monies from tips will be donated to MS447 PTA.

Open House on November 8th will require Parent Volunteers and it will also be a day for sales of snacks and T-shirts etc.

Volunteer Committees will be formed from the sign-up lists.
School and PTA mailchimp accounts have to be reviewed and made accurate.

Budget Priorities – We currently have \$46K in bank.

Ms. Rusch does not know the exact \$ amount, however there may be some extra cash from Nest Funding, etc. \$36 K was already paid for the Exploration program for 2014

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Teachers will receive \$150 Stipend for trips and \$1K will be allotted for specialty teachers.

Spring performance will bring in some income and we will apply for a grant for the library expansion.

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

The minutes of the Committee's _____ meeting were unanimously approved by the Committee.