



PTA General Virtual Meeting Minutes Thursday, Sept 23, 2021

Call to order at 7:07pm – Stacey Shick Samuels

5 executive board members and 106 members in attendance.
Meeting held virtually via the Zoom platform.

- **New Board Introductions**, Stacey Shick Samuels, Michele Molfetta, Vincent Roulot, Louise Verga, Irina Tamayeva

Motion to approve the minutes from the June 2021 meeting – Louise Verga

- Motion carries for approval of June minutes

Treasurer's Report – Vincent Roulot

- June 2021
 - Opening balance: \$81,051.23
 - Kona Ice Truck event expense: \$1,260.00
 - GoMath expenses (on two invoices): \$3,132.00 and \$9,916.25
 - Ending balance: \$66,742.98
- July-August 2021
 - Opening balance: \$66,742.98
 - Income: \$260.18 (Amazon Smile)
 - Ending balance: \$67,003.16

Vice President's Report – Michele Molfetta

- PTA goals for 2021-22 include:
 - Fundraising
 - Community Outreach
 - Advocate for school-wide issues
 - Form parent led committees for different initiatives, such as fundraisers, research options for afterschool & enrichment programs, photo day, giving back to the community – survey of interest was included with meeting sign-in form.

President's Report – Stacey Shick Samuels

- High level background on school's recent growth for new parents
- New PTA Instagram account: [@aea303pta](#)
- Remind app currently not in use, trying to fix or find alternative communication platform for teachers and parents.
- Summary of PTA funded items
 - Reading platform Raz Kids renewed for K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. 4th and 5th not included since the teachers feel the materials are not robust for the higher grade reading levels.

- Budget for Raz previously approved in June was for 9 classrooms. Due to school expansion to 12 classes in those lower grades there was an increased spend on this item of \$324.50 (original budgeted \$1,200, actual cost \$1,524.50).
Motion to approve final cost of \$1,524.50 for Raz Kids – Ilyse Sisolak
Motion carries.
- No longer using EPIC program as it is not available for use after 3 pm
- **Picture Day** – Stomping Ground have confirmed date of Monday October 25th, photos will be taken in the school building. Makeup date is Dec 13th.
- **Donors Chose Campaigns** – Ms. Garger and 2nd grade teachers using to fund some projects directly.
- **Ongoing Fundraisers** – links are posted on PTA website for Amazon Smile, Oliver's Labels and email will also go out.

School Leadership Team (SLT) Report – Paula Goldfarb

- Meeting held 9/14 (regular time will be 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 am)
Introductions of new SLT, working on comprehensive education plan with teachers, living blueprint for academic goals of the school. Can be reached at 303slt@gmail.com
- Sept Meeting
 - Review of June minutes
 - First day back debrief
 - Allocation of funds to co-curricular activities: AEA News Reel, Artists in Focus, Coding, Dance Troupe – communication to follow from administration on grades and sign up.
 - Full time social worker on staff, priority will be to assist with children experiencing trauma such as bereavement or impact of major life events.
 - All classrooms now equipped with age appropriate library
 - New facilities: Library & Music Room
 - COVID safety measures discussed. Parents will need to renew their consent for testing.
 - Allergy protocols – no food sharing allowed between students.
 - Parent Coordinator – position remains open

Racial Equity Committee

Introduction from Rachael Janowitz & Simone Dornbach. Details of first meeting will be communicated at future date.

General Member Q&A / Comments

- Topics included:
 - Requests to hold virtual “Meet the Teacher” for parents (not currently required by DOE)
 - Protocols for suspected COVID cases – school follows DOE guidelines
 - Multiple questions on where to direct concerns, how to escalate issues. PTA will advocate for school-wide issues and help parents navigate escalation process. Issues relating to specific child or class should firstly be directed to their teacher and then the administration.
 - Request to post more details on Google Classroom. Currently will only be used for remote learning days such as Election Day.

Announcements

- Thursday October 14th – Next PTA Meeting
- Monday October 25th - Picture Day

Adjournment time at 8:55 pm