

**PS 65R PTA
General Membership Meeting Approved Minutes**

Date, Time & Location: Monday, September 17, 2018; 6:30 PM; PS 65R Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by: Jackie Massa, Co-President, at 6:34pm

Attendance:

Executive Board Members: Jackie Massa, Heather Pajak, Kyona Archibold, Brienne Warren, Kerri Kuhlsen, Stephanie Pizzuto, Elena Capofari

School Staff Present: All

Others: Parents

A quorum was reached.

Meeting began with brief introductions by new board members.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Scamardella

Mrs. Scamardella began by introducing staff members and their roles in the school. She also stressed the importance of viewing P.S.65 as a community of learners and encouraged parents to use the Dolphin Box (located in the lobby) for any parent suggestions.

Mrs. Scamardella discussed the P.S. 65 Vision/Mission/Focus Statement which stresses the importance of educating the "whole child" by building self-esteem and creating a respectful and nurturing school environment. The school's focus is to help students become critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

Minutes: Elena Capofari, Recording Secretary

Minutes were distributed; members given time to read them and the floor was open for questions. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Kaitlyn Delmar and seconded by Julie Thompson. Minutes were accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer Report: Kerri Kuhlsen, Treasurer

Kerri Kuhlsen read the Treasurer's report. The Basket Bash was the main fundraiser with almost 9,000 deposited. Mrs. Kuhlsen encouraged parent involvement in this school year's fundraising events. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Thomas Wilson; seconded by Melissa Helgerod. It was approved unanimously. Afterwards, Mrs. Kuhlsen discussed the proposed budget for this school year and asked for approval. A motion was made to approve the new budget by Tom Coote; seconded by Andrea Viani. It was approved unanimously.

President's Report: Jackie Massa and Heather Pajak

Jackie Massa welcomed parents and encouraged them to continue attending PTA meetings and events. Children of parents in attendance of all future PTA meetings will be exempt from that

night's homework. In October there will be babysitting available for anyone who needs it during the PTA meeting.

This coming Friday, September 21st, is the Ice Social and school pep rally. It is a free event and all students will receive an ice. The event will have a DJ, thanks to Mr. Sullivan. Mrs. Massa asked parents for feedback after events and throughout the school year.

The first Dine Out event will be on October 18th at Kettle Black. Twenty percent of the bill will be donated back to the school but parents must bring the provided school flier to the restaurant.

The annual Breast Cancer Walk will be on October 21st. Parents can speak with Mrs. Rodriguez with any questions or interest in involvement. Even if attendance at the event isn't possible, shirts can be purchased with a form that will be sent home in folders.

On October 26th, there will be a Halloween Dance at the school. Students can attend in costume, accompanied by a parent.

The Holiday Fair will occur on December 7th at the school. Vendors who make their own goods are needed. If anyone is interested in being involved, either selling goods or volunteering at the event, please contact the PTA.

Other fundraising includes shopping at Stop and Shop (the shopper's card links to the school) and potentially Amazon Smile, which may be available shortly.

In conclusion, Mrs. Massa discussed the need to revise the bylaws, specifically switching the day of PTA meetings to Wednesdays. A motion was made to approve the revision by Tatiana Todman; seconded by Tom Coote. It passed unanimously.

Parent Coordinator: Norma Santaliz

Mrs. Santaliz introduced herself to all in attendance and explained her role in the school. She is a resource for parents. She encouraged open communication and all parents should feel free to contact her if any help is needed. She mentioned the success of the recent Watermelon Social and reminded parents that the following day is Dads Take Your Child to School Day. All are welcomed to attend, not just dads. There will be refreshments to follow the event.

Prior to the end of the meeting, Mrs. Massa reminded parents that the PTA sells gently used uniforms for \$1 at all PTA meetings. She also asked if there were any questions or concerns. A parent inquired about Pupil Path, wondering if it would be used at the school. Mrs. Santaliz said that, due to the tremendous cost of that particular program, P.S. 65 has decided to use the Dept. of Education's NYC Schools Account instead. The option to receive access to this account went home last week in student folders.

Meeting Adjourned: at 7:01pm following a motion by Taisha Sojka, which was seconded by Tatiana Todman.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Minutes taken, prepared and submitted by: Elena Capofari, Recording Secretary