

EWSIS PTA General Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2017 10:00 AM

Call to Order: 10:15 am **In Attendance:** Cora Wong, Sharlene Tillett, Karen Curzio

President's Report

President Sharlene Tillett welcomed all parents and faculty for joining us at the PTA meeting. Thanks to staff for attending.

Coat drive and Toy drive ends on Monday December 4 - School Store is on Tuesday December 5. We need volunteers (any time you can spare from 9:15 am until noon).

Yankee Candle Sales are still going until January 11 (online sales only).

October Cancer Walk issue - \$225 was deposited in error on financials. Ms Tillett gave in her own money by accident and a reimbursement was made to reconcile the records with the deposit.

Title 1 and Title 3 funds will be used for ESL classes to parents Mr. Bantz will speak on it further.

Mr Bantz, Assistant HS Principal

Mr. Bantz thanked the parents for coming and ex board members for helping out and welcomed new parents and new volunteers. It is the hardest working PTA he's ever seen. EWSIS can't do anything without the parents.

In regard to the ESL classes, funds from Title 1 & Title 3 will be combined and the school is using those funds for ESL classes for our parents. We will be getting a schedule out. 1st Saturday of every month 3 hours.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report ending November 30, 2017 was presented by Cora Wong with an ending balance of \$4,678.13.

Secretary's Report

The minutes from November PTA meeting were presented by Karen Curzio and approved by Maggie Torres and Wendy Giron.

Look for Bylaws on the EW website - we will be voting on updates/changes to the bylaws - please review to vote in January's PTA meeting.

Mr. Carter - College Counselor

Mr Carter will be holding summits for 87 graduation seniors. Everyone has submitted 6 CUNY applications, working on essays and letters of recommendation. Tedious CUNY are now requiring FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) verification to be attached, 1040 and W2 forms are needed. Please bring in for your seniors otherwise you will not get financial information. Please keep in mind that some schools will require travel and access to transportation for interviews. Some interviews are held in the Manhattan. Mr. Carter can help students but be aware that students will need to work outside of school hours. Most communications/acceptance notifications go out via email. Some colleges need an additional account for application process you will need to register for. Some acceptance notifications go through email some through postal. CUNY through email. CUNY students are all required to take assessment tests in December. An email will let them know where they are scheduled to take the exam (usually assigned to take test at 1st choice

school). Placement exams are serious and will determine if they need remedial classes for foundational needs (remedial classes cost money but give no credit). During Junior year, they take SATs and the best time to take tests. Schools take higher score of tests taken. Summit teams and workshops will start in Spring to help with process.

Seniors will help with organizing - invited parents if they have further questions

Thanked volunteers and PTA.

Ms. Schnall - Parent Teacher Coordinator

Winter festival starts at 5:30 pm .Tickets cost \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Tutoring schedule is attached - before during and after school - there is mandated tutoring . Clubs being offered are in there. Basketball schedule come and see.

No after school activities on 12/22. School resumes on 1/2/2018.

Report cards will be available on Wed. December 6 and coming home by mail on Friday

Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 7:30 pm in auditorium, we are having a Town Hall meeting. Authorities will join us to talk about safety in school and in the park .There have been a few fights. Encourage students to avoid park at all times. Some robberies have occurred in the park. The park is not safe. We are working with the Precinct 109 police patrols. More information is available at town hall, which will be at EWSIS AUDITORIUM. Patrols have been requested as well as lights. Two Bikes have been stolen from the bike racks and the Bike NY program just installed them in front of East West School . Parental involvement in Town Hall meeting will help get more support of the community.

Algebra regents for college scores will be sent out.

Approvals

\$300 approval for food sales on December 14

\$100 for school store items

Raffle

Winter Raffles were offered during PTA meeting - will be raffled off at the Winter Festival

Congratulations to our staff member, Lisa Ng who won the \$100 gift certificate for B&H

New Business

One way street - turn arounds - it was explained that the street is one way during school hours

Drivers Ed was asked - we currently do not have any program in place. PTA should look into options

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 am

18 parents and teachers were in attendance, Next meeting January 6, 2018 at 10am.

See you all at our next PTA meeting.