

EWSIS PTA General Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2017 10:00 AM

Call to Order: 10:20 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.

Cancer walk is tomorrow, October 15th. Meet behind Home Depot for registration at 8 am and walk starts at 9 am for a 1.5 mile. Stay together for photo ops. We are selling T-shirts for \$20 of which \$10 will be donated towards American Cancer Society and the other \$10 goes to cover for the cost of T-shirts and printing.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser started off and will run until November 10 - 60% of proceeds go to Yankee Candle and 40% of proceeds go to PTA.

Fresh Air Fund will be at November PTA Meeting to speak about free summer camp. Please bring all documents in November to sign up.

IDNYC is an official form of identification and applicants ages 14 and older can apply.

Coat Drive and Toy Drive - parents can donate coats and toys. Sharlene will set-up two boxes in front of the main office to drop off the donations.

Dayniese Lugo is a NYS Mobile Notary and Accountant - you can contact her at 516-780-1356 or fncllys@yahoo.com if you need help.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial Report ending October 13, 2017 was presented by Cora Wong with an ending balance of \$4,387.36

Secretary's Report

The minutes from September's PTA meeting were presented by Karen Curzio and approved by Jennifer Reich and Angela Cobb.

Survey is available on line and you can also fill it out a printed copy that was distributed today. Look for us on Facebook at EWSISPTA and please sign up for newsletter.

Principal's' report

Mr. Cromer welcomed all. He announced that a planned walk-through by the Superintendent this week didn't happen. However the entire school is all ready when it does, thanks to the hard work of the staff this week. Mr. Cromer will update when it is rescheduled. When he started being the principal last year, they reflected on school improvement. They started with a team and 30 items which they brought down to 20 items and they are now looking for input from parents forum. He plans to also have a Parent Improvement Committee. He then talked about the pros and cons of school uniforms.

Mr. Cromer started a new club called Young Men's Leadership Organization. It meets on Tuesdays at 2:30-4:00 in Rm 435. Girl Talk Club starts next week on Wednesday at 2:20 pm with Ms. Soohoo. Most clubs are starting next week. Students will be given the flyers with a list of Clubs on Monday.

Discussion Break

Parent: A suggestion of a Handbook for students' rules and regulations

Ms. Tillett: Uniforms should be available at the school over the summer for those who can't get to store.

Speaker from Ideal uniform: Ideal website is open 24/7. Orders can take 2.5 weeks to ship, sometimes longer. Call before going to physical store to let them know school and size to ensure they have the items in stock so you don't waste a trip. There is a 10% PTA discount on \$100 or free shipping - mention PTA to get the discount. Hoodies are not available yet, Mr. Cromer will speak to Ms. Cordero to make sure they become available.

Parents brought up uniform issues of concern: Detention for wearing sweaters, embroidery quality issues, clarify if necessary of changing out of gym uniform and detention policy when they have gym, clearly post policy on website/handout/handbook/agenda, some say they have to change others don't, communication through gym teacher needs to be clear and consistent (conflicting rules seem to be being expressed), sweaters need to be sold, students should not be penalized for sweaters over uniforms, problem with time getting to classes (issues with traffic in hallways and gym especially), students getting marked late and students are very hungry at the end of the day due to very early lunch.

Mr. Cromer explained that Period 3 Tutoring sessions are now available. All students are matched with teacher for tutoring. Teacher picks 10 struggling students to get help unless requested for more.

Mr. Cromer wants PTA awards for achievement at November PTA Meeting.

Parent discussion: Can we get Water filter? Concern about water quality was raised. Lead testing was done on every school last year. School water is not filtered but lead content is at

safe levels. Mr. Cromer will get water report and review it. We will look into options if the water report comes back with concerns.

Parent Teacher Coordinator

Ms Schnall-Torres introduced herself - thank you for your generosity and support. She thanked the PTA for its donation of water for Color War. She reminded attendees that they should come to First Friday to visit our classrooms and stay for Tea & Talk with the principal. Parent Teacher Conference is on Thursday, November 9th and November 10th (½ day). She also talked about the following Clubs:

Wednesdays: HS Robotics, Video Game Club, MS Robotics, NAACP, Key Club, Judo, Peer Mediation

Thursdays: Ultimate Frisbee, Art Club, Girl Talk, Recycle-a-Bicycle, Table Tennis, Student Government

Fridays: Gay Straight Alliance, Jr. NAACP

Approvals

\$200 for breakfast was requested for teachers for Professional Development on Election Day (Nov. 7th)- Approval was Unanimous.

\$100 was requested for purchasing supplies for fundraising during lunch hours- Approval was Unanimous

Raffle

Congratulations to Justine Wu for winning the free facial donated by Josefina Givelechian.

New Business

No new business was raised

Meeting adjourned: 11:30

40 parents and teachers were in attendance

Next meeting November 4, 2017 10 AM

See you all at our next PTA meeting.