



PTO General Meeting - 2/13/2019

5 Executive Board Members in Attendance:

Presidents: Una and Stephanie

VP of Fundraising: Tamra

VP of Outreach: Shanikka

Communications Secretaries: Cindy

6:07 PM: Call to order

6:10: Presentation re: Cheerleading

- 2 coaches and one parent spoke about the history of cheerleading and the present needs
- Ms. Brathwaite is the main cheerleading coach and a 5th grade teacher
- A student gathered a petition from students in her class to make the point that they wanted cheerleading for the students.
- Ms. Sidbury agreed and set them up with the coach and gave approval to be the official 282 team
- October is when tryouts are typically held
- Currently for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders only
- Their 1st game was in January, Feb 28 - next game
- They have secured their own sponsors for uniform items including Modells but they are looking for additional sponsorship or donations for mats, additional uniform items and funds for a future competition and gymnastics coaching
- They will host the movie night in April to help raise funds
- The cheerleaders will present at a future PTO meeting and they have offered to present at any 282 related or promotional events

6:20: January Minutes approved

Tamra made motion, Shanikka seconded

6:21: School Safety: Mr. Kyle Plant and Principal Sidbury

- Safety meeting held earlier that day with all parties to review the plan and prepare for the next drill.
- There is a one page safety presentation report with more details which may be requested through the PTO email.
- Final Lock Down Drill scheduled before March 16.
- Question: lock down drill, is there a way to alert the parents first? Answer: yes, parents will be alerted and it is a full evacuation drill. 10-15 min drill, give parents vocabulary to talk about it

6:30: Upcoming Events and Activities

- Upcoming events:
 - Movie Night 2/15, (Tamra)
 - Reading Appreciation Week and Read-A-Thon: March 1-10
 - Spring Event: June 1
 - The G&T committee is looking for new parents to join in for next year. This committee serves as an unofficial but powerful parent voice to gather feedback from G&T parents and connect with the administration about them.
 - Specials teachers have submitted wish lists for us to review as a PTO to help provide necessary supplies to their classrooms.

6:45: Updates on previous topics:

- Copiers - in progress, sounds like UFT copier has been replaced
- Traces of lead in water - resolved and in future PTO has asked to be alerted if possible.
- Reimagining Recess - Tracey Toole reminded parents to volunteer for this committee to influence the recess changes.
- Residency Programs
 - TiSci has ended for this year.
 - Brooklyn Conservatory of Music: Performances upcoming, be on the lookout.
- GreenZone - looking for new leadership to help with this program. Looking to transition the garden from a vegetable garden to an herb or pollinating garden.

7:00: Q&A

- Q: What is going to be done to improve communications. There was an issue with a recent PreK communication and it was frustrating for parents.
 - A: The PTO is aware and has spoken to the administration. We are all looking to find ways to improve communication and with new people in new roles, there will be a transition period. Then Ms. Collie Cyrus stepped up and made a heartwarming statement and apology for the miscommunication and tone of one of the emails. She is doing her best and learning as she goes. She asks for patience and will be pursuing the answer for the PreK conference day as soon as possible.

- Q: The calendar lists an elementary school assembly but it seems to be only for certain grades.
A: Ms. Collie Cyrus will look into it.

7:11 PM – Meeting Adjourned