

# The NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL

## The Neighborhood School PTA Executive Meeting September 17, 2018

Present: Jenny, Rene, Dyanthe, Theresa,  
Meeting called to order at 8:40.

### 1. Set agenda for PTA General Meeting

- a. PTA executive team intros
- b. Farm trip for 2/3s
- c. Library update
- d. Committees overview
- e. Upcoming events
- f. Treasurer's report

### 2. Introducing TNS community staff to parents

- a. (JU) Introduce TNS community staff to parents so they are familiar with the names of the wonderful people that help make the school a better place. It would be nice for each of them to share a little bit about themselves as well so they aren't just a name and a face. Ex. name, what they do and one of the following...where they grew up, where they live, favorite thing to do on weekends, how long they've been working about the school and what they love about it.
  - i. Intros can be split into three PTA meetings so it doesn't take over the other matters needed to be discussed. One for school building staff and one for specialty school staff. See Appendix for more.
- b. (RZ) [About the PTA](#) on the TNS website needs to be updated. Names and contact info are largely outdated.

### 3. Events and fundraising

- a. (DS/JU) MCU 2/3rd grade farm field trip. Total cost \$25,000. Deposit \$2,500 paid by PTA. There are 87 2/3 grade students. It's \$287.35 per student. To lower per child cost and help supplement cost for families that can't afford the trip we need to fundraise and apply for grants.
- b. (DS) Asphalt Green work with our 4/5 and 2/3s during recess.
- c. (TM) Collecting \$\$ from Read-a-Thon.
- d. (JU) Tuesday, October 23rd Garden to Cafe tasting at the school
- e. (JU) Wellness in the School (WITS) Labs week of October 29th. WITS labs offered one week of nutrition classes for the school pro-bono. They'll need a room for the lessons (project room? Or PTA room?)
- f. (RZ) Parents' Night Out scheduled for Tues 9/25, 8-11pm, Mary Os Bar. TNS Parent Band will perform. Event ticket sales and raffle proceeds all go to PTA.

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- g. (RZ) Parent Volunteer Form new this year. Hope to generate more parent volunteers for all events throughout year. Need to be collected.
  - h. (RZ) Merch inventory needs to be updated. Sell at first SING of year to clear out some of the inventory?
  - i. (RZ) Tea Collection School Days fundraiser: 8/10-8/15. Parents/friends of TNS can shop online, use promo code for 15% off all clothing, and TNS gets 15%.
  - j. (RZ) TNS Movie Night - Friday 10/19. Being planned by Michelle Kaminer.
  - k. (RZ) First lice checks confirmed for Thur 9/27. Andrea Begel is heading this up.
  - l. (RZ) Plan for school pictures.
  - m. (JG) 4th/5th grade camp overnight. Camp Ashokan has been chosen for this year. Last year's requested fee of \$250/student meant Beware of transportation costs for any overnight bus trips. 3rd grade cost \$5500 in t???
- 4. Finance**
- a. (TM) Office Mailboxes and non financial documentation.
  - b. (TM) Recording In-Kind Contributions.
- 5. PTA room**
- a. (TM) Volunteers to organize the PTA room with Cesar Hernandez, new site director for Wingspan Arts. Computer and printer donated by Elinor and keyboard in filing cabinet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

## **Appendix:**

### **Intro session 1 Admin**

Principal Dyanthe Spielberg  
Parent Coordinator Noemi Mora  
School Secretary Carmen Myman  
Business Manager Ahyesha Daniels  
Lunch Manager Gladys Fernandez

### **Intro session 2 School base support**

ESL Teacher Sylvia Vidal  
Social Worker Patricia Winter  
Social Worker Carla Brun  
School Psychologist Natalie Roth  
Speech & Language Pathologist Allison Kisthardt  
Speech & Language Pathologist Amanda Zarriello  
Guidance Counselor Tina Cella  
Occupational Therapist Yen Ng  
Physical Therapist Chris Griffin

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School Nurse Sarah Whitney

## **Intro session 3 Building Staff**

Security - Ms. Jackson, Ms. Cole

Kitchen - Romena, Tyler, +

Custodian - Roy, Jefferson, +