



PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

P.S. 56 The Lewis H. Latimer School

“A Community of Learners, A Community of Leaders”

Eric Grande, Principal
Tina Fleming, P.T.A. President
Shaila Dewan, P.T.A. Vice-President
Joe Lewis, P.T.A. Treasurer
Aja Stephens, P.T.A. Secretary
Melissa Forrest, Historian

P.T.A. MEETING

Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:00 pm
P.S. 56 Cafeteria

MINUTES

Officers Present: Shaila Dewan, Aja Stephens

Committee Chairs Present: Kisha Anderer, Nirah Johnson, Shanel Johnson

Number of Parents and Teachers present: 21

Vice President Shaila Dewan called the meeting to order at 6:10pm

SLT and Treasurer Elections

Nominees for Treasurer

Joseph Lewis (represented by Amanda Lewis)

Osa Uwa

Lailona Rhodes

Nominees for SLT

Ali Coleman

Taylor Valentine

Mira Joyner

Each nominee made a statement. The election ensued by secret ballot.

Joseph Lewis won for Treasurer.

Ali Coleman won 1 of the SLT seats, and there was a tie Between Mira Joyner and Taylor Valentine. Mira Joyner conceded to Taylor Valentine

Parent Coordinator Report

Mr. Williams gave an update on upcoming programs at the school:

Nov 6, school closed for Election Day

Nov 12, school closed for Veterans' Day

Nov 15, Parent Teacher Conferences, half day for students

Nov 20, school-wide feast – families are asked to prepare a suggested dish, determined by grade

Principal Report

Mr. Grande congratulated the new PTA and SLT officers. The new school website will go live soon. He thanked Nirah Johnson for her work.

Special Guest

Chelsea from the Clinton Hill CSA came to talk about the CSA, as it picks up from PS56. She encouraged families to sign up. The wait list is now open for the June 2019 season.

Motions

A motion was made and passed unanimously to have a bake sale on Election Day
A motion was made and passed to explore the cost of childcare during the PTA meetings

Fundraising Committee Report

Kisha Anderer reported that school picture day will be April 15, with May 23 as a makeup day, with new provider, Stomping Grounds. The price is similar to past picture day, but includes electronic photos.

PTA Dues are \$10/family and \$5/teacher. Each child will receive a unicef box to collect donations. The next fundraising committee meeting is Thursday, November 1.

We have a running list of suggested fundraising activities and initiatives. If you have an idea please submit it, so that we can determine the priorities for the year.

Communications Committee Report

Nirah Johnson reported that the website will soon be live, pending review by several members of the community. School and PTA staff will be trained on how to update the website.

The committee is also reviewing the various communication streams (remind, backpacks, konstella, etc) to come up with a communication plan for unified, streamlined messaging.

Parents were invited to join a committee.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes from the September 2018 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Submitted by:

Aja Grosvenor-Stephens

Date