

**PTA General Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2016. 7:45am**

In attendance:

Naomi Pena, PTA Co-President
Tony Monsanto, PTA Treasurer
Zoe Ye, PTA Secretary
Tina Mo, Parent Coordinator
Amy Chen O'Connell, PTA Secretary
Sarah Pinto, Principal

Principal's Remarks

How can we continue to support parents in the school building?
Volunteers are needed at all times of the day in different ways – on and off site, both Learning Leaders and non-LL. Some discussion as to reason those who trained as LL are not volunteering. The requirements may have been misleading to parents who had signed up and classroom commitment may have been daunting. Examples of types of current volunteering opportunities can be more flexible in terms of time of day, length, and ability to do work at home. Examples: updating parents database/technology help, planting flowers around the school yard, maintaining Lost & Found, help with Wellness in the Schools (see below).

Wellness in the Schools will take place all next week teaching students how to eat nutritiously without requiring cooking. 1st lab will be about apples, followed by kale and beans. Volunteers are needed to help prep ingredients.

Tina Mo, Parent Coordinator, is the school point person for keeping track of visiting adults in the building.

Security ID System

The Principal and Tony Monsanto, PTA treasurer, are determining an ID system appropriate for PS20 and the cost. Sarah has identified a school using a system that may be a contender. She requested that Tony visit during pick up to see it in action and assess whether it's right for us.

Bank Account

Tony gave a PTA accounting:

Start of school year	\$22, 376.73
Deposits so far	\$ 1,230.10 (net profit from Book Fair)
Expenses	\$ 424 (misc. costs such as child care & refreshments)
Balance	\$23, 182.43

Upcoming Events

Naomi proposed expanding the annual Spring Fling into a LES Block Party – closing down Norfolk Street for vendors, games, etc. There are several sign up sheets for different volunteer committees including Staff Appreciation, Flower fund raisers, bake sales.