

Call to order: 5:15

Welcome & Introductions:

Milagros Arcia & Mark Lynch (absent) Co-Presidents  
Peishien (Shien) Chiou & Stephanie Elkaim (absent), Co-Vice Presidents  
Melissa Kaplan & Maria Sarich, Secretaries  
Karen Blair, Treasurer  
Kadi Ann Moore, Title 1 Representative (absent)  
Ms. Carmen Colon. Principal  
Caihua Huang, Assistant Principal IA  
Tina Mo, Parent Coordinator (absent) .

Principal Update:

- A. Paperback player received grant – after school program.  
Meet with directors on Friday with Carmen.
- B. Chess after school program will begin on Tuesday October 27th.  
Working with 2nd through 5th graders for 1 ½ hours.  
Up to 60 students and return to Henry street 4:45pm.
- C. Professional Development with Teachers College.  
Work with them on reading and math.  
2 staff developers with each grade on certain days during the week.  
Class schedules will change each week due to this program.
- D. NY Cares & Beautify School – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Create bookroom in the library.  
75 volunteers – 2 per teachers
- E. School Tours begin this Friday. Parents are signed up.
- F. Picture Day on Monday October 26<sup>st</sup>.
- G. Began WITS Lab – made tomato sauce and pasta this week.
- H. Cook shop for parents will start in November.
- I. October 30<sup>th</sup> - Halloween parade – 2:15pm to 2:40pm. Parents can opt out and tell their teachers.
- J. DEA – 5<sup>th</sup> grade after school for dancing. 2 or 3 slots still open. Contact Caihua if interested.
- K. DL 4th & 5th Grade. E-mail update every Friday, but will also send flyers home with kids.

Henry Street Settlement Update:

- A. Updates – No after school on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- B. ½ Day on November 5<sup>th</sup> – No after school
- C. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade coordinator is Min Yang. 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade is Jasmin.
- D. Tomorrow at 3:50pm in the auditorium – “Lights Out”
- E. If interested in still enrolling in after school, applications are still accepted.
- F. Thanks to parents for communicating with after school regarding ½ days etc. to make sure the program runs smoothly.

PTA Update:

- A. 2 candidates for SLT – no elections are necessary. Madeline Rodriguez and Agueda Concepcion
- B. Learning Leaders – Looking for individual who can help with minimum of 1 hour a week to help at the school. Need to attend 3 days of training for 4 hours each day. PTA will pay for the training. Information available in the parent room. Have to follow DOE process- background check, finger print and taking the course that teaches you how to handle kids, behaviors and assisting the teachers. Point person – Melissa
- C. Shien explains by laws regarding days/ time of PTA meetings. PTA proposing amendment to coordinate meetings with the new school schedule.
- D. Treasury Report: Balance \$13,442  
2 small transactions: Henry Street and PTA store fundraising to sell school supplies headed by Maria was success. Need donations from parents - school supplies to sell. PTA receives 25% of school picture proceeds.
- E. PTA will vote to have parents give a suggested donation for PTA dues.
  - a. Easy way for parents to contribute
  - b. Help with the number of events held
  - c. Help with anticipated budget issues that the school will have.

Committee Reports:

- A. Wellness: October labs happening now. In December thru March, chef Victoria needs parents help. See Tina to volunteer. Next meeting on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Fundraising: Still need volunteers for Picture Day, Book fair, etc. Come to parent room to sign up.
- C. Website: Updated, please visit: [ps20m.weebly.com](http://ps20m.weebly.com)

Dual Language:

- A. First meeting had grade/ class parents sign up.
- B. Could use more Chinese parents volunteer on different grades.
- C. Next meeting in November, notice will be sent home.
- D. CEC Middle school panel – we need to push middle school and CEC for DL programs.
- E. Global Leaders starting new DL program.
- F. If general wants to start grade parents, DL will help.
- G. All future updates from Carmen regarding 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> DL will be forwarded to parents.

Book swap will begin this week. Need books in different languages, Chinese and Spanish. Drop off in boxes in parent room.

Bake sale on November 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Include baggies, ingredients list.
- See Rachel

Meeting Adjourned