

Call to order: 5:15

Welcome & Introductions:

Milagros Arcia & Mark Lynch Co-Presidents
 Peishien (Shien) Chiou & Stephanie Elkaim, 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.

Principal Update:

A. DL 4th & 5th Grade.

- 1.) Ms. Yang has been ill and expects to return Monday, Oct. 5th.
- 2.) Mandarin teacher for the 4th Grade. However, DOE must clear visa and certification. Start date is unknown.
- 3.) Small groups of 4th & 5th Graders are visiting lower grades, to participate in "Buddy" mandarin reading sessions. 4th & 5th grades are receiving Mandarin review packets.
- 4.) Three Mandarin substitute teachers have been identified to fill absent Mandarin teachers in the future.
- 5.) Not "doing away with Mandarin DL". This is a rumor. Strongly committed to maintaining the Mandarin/Spanish DL programs. The administration is working diligently to hire new teachers.

B. The Buddy reading is working well and they will maintain this 'program' with older classes reading to younger classes in both Mandarin and English.

C. Friday Coffee with Carmen;

2nd & 4th Fridays, at 8:30AM in Cafeteria. Next meeting Oct. 9th at 8:30AM in Cafeteria.

D. Chess after school program will begin 3rd week in October. Working on involving 2nd through 5th grades as opposed to just 3rd grade.

E. Applied for Studio in a School Artist in Residence grant program – artist would work with younger grades.

Shien talked about the following:

A. SLT School Leadership Team needs 2 more Parent Members – will be selected at the next meeting. Meet Mondays 1/month at 5:30 PM.

B. Parent Room-Resource for All Parents

- 1.) Located next to office, door always open
- 2.) Parent Coordinator is located in this room for parents to always approach her.
- 3.) Computers for parents to use
- 4.) Meeting space for parents and PTA
- 5.) There will be a bulletin board with updates and announcements.

C. PTA

- 1.) Aim to keep all parents informed.
- 2.) Forms to fill out next to sign in sheet with parents contact information, including email.
- 3.) PTA will try not to send too many emails.
- 4.) Parents are encouraged to email the PTA with any questions/concerns/suggestions @ PS20MPTA@gmail.com

D. PS 20 Website

- 1.) We have regained access to our former PS20 website: ps20m.weebly.com
- 2.) 2 Parents, Ruth Abedon & Kathryn Lineberger have volunteered to update the website.

E. Parents Join a Committee

- 1.) We have the following committees:
 - a) Fundraising: ?
 - b) Wellness: next meeting 10/6 @ 7:45 AM

- c) DL PC: next meeting 10/14 @ 5PM
- d) Technology-maintain website
- e) Parents can start a committee submit suggestions to PTA

F. Chef Monica for Wellness in Schools

- 1.) PS 20 will receive a mobile "tower garden" to be used in classrooms
- 2.) Health & Nutrition lessons to student body

G. Next PTA Meeting

- 1.) October 21st
- 2.) Possible time change to 5:30PM

Parent Questions/Suggestions

A. Fundraising:

- 1.) Get a "wish list" of items/programs needed for the school to the parents so they know what the school needs/wants.
- 2.) How do we motivate parents to get involved to help find funds to improve infrastructure of building/big ticket items and programs?

B. Playground Morning Drop Off & Recess

- 1.) No staff to monitor children in playground for morning drop off. Need 2 Staff members to monitor 300 Children.
- 2.) Learning Leaders could apply for the playground staff, but no one showed up last year and the school paid for the program???

Fuzzy on this???

- 3.) Parents leaving kids unattended in playground.
- 4.) Can parents volunteer to stay in playground in the morning?
- 5.) Parent concerned about child with asthma being outside on days of inclement weather?
- 6.) Ms. Colon said they will go to gym for recess if weather is bad, however sometimes gym is not always available.

C. Academic Advancement for Middle School-HS admissions

- 1.) Parent wondering about academic achievement for 4th & 5th grades for top Middle School placement.
- 2.) Directed to talk to District 1 person located in PS20, Rm 126?
- 3.) Suggested a committee be started to address the Middle School process.

Meeting Adjourned