

PTA General Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2016, 5pm

Welcome to attendees to 2016-2017 school year's first PTA general meeting by
Ruth Wong, Co-President

Introduction of attending PTA Executive board members:

- Naomi Pena, Co-President
- Tony Monsanto, Treasurer
- Daniel Abedon, Title I Rep
- Amy Chen O'Connell, Recording Secretary

Introduction of others attending:

- Carrie Orr, IA Assistant Principal
- Ms. Zhao, 5th Grade Mandarin Chinese Teacher (provided Mandarin translation)
- Lauren Philips Zermani, Guidance Counselor

Announcements

- New Parent Room location on 1st floor across the hall from/between cafeteria and gym. Open from 9-3 with computers and printer for parents to use, meet, hang. Kids must be accompanied.
- Upcoming Events for fundraising, fun, information, etc. We need volunteers for these events as well as specialized committees. There were clipboards with sign-up sheets for volunteers.
- Following our PTA general meeting, there was a 6pm panel by CEC of middle school Principals/Representatives in District 1.
- SLT. Currently there are 3 open spots for parents to join the SLT committee comprised of teachers, staff, administration, and parents who work collaboratively on policy and initiatives at PS20. Paul Cackler, parent member, elaborated more on the role of SLT and its work on defining the Comprehensive Education Plan. The committee meets once a month with additional responsibilities beyond meeting attendance.
- We had a very successful Book Fair that took place just last week

Principal's Report

- Interim Acting Assistant Principal, Carrie Orr was introduced. She discussed plans for the upcoming school year. She and IA Principal Sarah Pinto will alternate in attending PTA general meetings.
 - She thanked everyone for the very successful potluck that took place during Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 22nd with families, teachers, and staff.
 - Breakfast is served daily starting at 7:45. The playground opens at 8am for 3rd-5th graders. Parents are asked to make sure students arrive on time so that no instruction time is lost because of tardiness.
 - This coming Friday, September 30 @8:20 is the first Family Friday (FF). Families are invited into their child(ren)'s classroom to observe. Each FF will have varying focus (i.e. Publishing Parties, teaching new lessons and strategies). She invites

feedback and requests for future FF. This will continue through the school year on the last Friday morning of the month. Adults listed on the Blue Cards in the office can line up at drop off with students. Other adults will be asked to register at the Security Desk in the lobby. There will be a Q&A session with the Principal following FF at 9am in the auditorium.

- Family Engagement time is set for teachers to interact with families every Tuesday between dropp-off and class start time.
- Announcement of new hires – there is a new School Psychologist and new School Aide. Many new teachers and new IA Assistant Principal (Carrie Orr) and IA Principal (Sarah Pinto). Guidance Counselor, Lauren Phillips-Zermani introduced herself.