

**PS 165**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**Minutes May 27, 2021**  
**Conference Call 5:00pm**

**Call to Order:** Tara called to order at 5:41pm.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Zarina motioned to approve April minutes, Rodney seconded. April 2021 General Meeting PTA minutes are approved.

**Principal's Report (from 165 Town Hall)**

- Literacy Campaign
  - Books were distributed to all in-person students last week.
  - Remote students had two opportunities to pick up their books.
  - Check out the Literacy Hub on PS165nyc.org – English and Spanish, Resources for families.
  
- Literacy Night
  - Thank you to the SLT and all the parents, staff, and students who made this Night a great success.
  
- Chancellor's Announcement – 2021-2022 School Year
  - All students and staff will be in person. No remote option for students or teachers.
  - DOE Announced Safety Measures for Next Year:
    - Masks continue to be required.
    - Individuals with C-19 symptoms must stay home.
    - Daily screener must be completed each day.
    - Every school building will have a nurse.
    - Every classroom will have working ventilation systems.
    - On-site C-19 testing with continue in school buildings and the Situation Room will continue to support schools with positive cases.
  
- P2 165 G&T Program
  - G&T will be offered in 2021-2022.
  - K offers will go out from enrollment in July.
  - Grade 1 and Up Enrollment is based on 2020-2021 Waitlist.
  - At PS165 we ensure that ALL of our programs have access to all resources and a high-quality curriculum.

- School Lunch
  - Lunches are cold right now due to a sink repair taking place in the kitchen.
- Specials Update
  - Ms. Kaspar – Art in-person
  - Ms. Palley – Music coverage in-person
  - Ms. Perreux – Phys Ed coverage in-person
    - Beginning week of June 7
- Graduations & Stepping-Up Ceremonies
  - Outdoor Ceremonies
    - Pre-K Stepping Up – June 15 (Rain - June 16)
    - K – June 17 (Rain - June 18)
    - 5<sup>th</sup> G – June 21 (Rain - June 22)
  - Ceremonies will be small and take place by class with 2 guests per child.
  - Remote students will be invited to participate.
  - PTA Volunteers to Decorate Yard.
- Enrollment
  - K enrollment is happening now!
  - Pre-K happening soon.
  - G&T – Incoming K offers in July
    - Incoming K based on teacher referral and lottery.
  - Please leave positive reviews for PS165 on School Digger, Great Schools, and Inside Schools.
  - Please complete the NYC School Survey! It's very important for enrollment.
- Summer Rising: CBO Partner - YMCA
  - NOT a mandated program, it is voluntary and you must register for it.
  - July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup> – Mon-Fri, 8am to 6pm
  - PS 145 Building, 150 West 105<sup>th</sup>, btw Columbus and Amsterdam.
  - 8am to 12pm – Enrichment, 12pm to 6pm – YMCA
  - Questions: Byron Flores, YMCA Site Director at [blfores@ymcanyc.org](mailto:blfores@ymcanyc.org)
  - DOE Website: [www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer](http://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/summer)
- Leadership Day
  - Save the Date: June 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Part of the school's Leader in Me program.

- Parent Coordinator
  - Ms. Brenes will be moving on after June 25.
  - 165 is interviewing new candidates now.
  
- Q&A
  - Will parents be able to take class photos outside for classes that are not moving up/graduating?
    - No class photos this year during Picture Day, due to Covid, but there will be a compilation of photos from the photo company.
  - Do we know what the school hours will be in the fall?
    - Too soon to say.
  - What is 165's plan for ongoing G&T? How is the school supporting the program in District 3?
    - 165 plans to do G&T as long as it can. We can't say what the DOE plans to do city-wide. G&T works for 165, as do all the programs.
  - Will Summer Rising use 165 teachers?
    - At the moment, only two have expressed interest in working in that program.

### **Treasury Report**

- Please see attached spreadsheet.
- Total Income in April: \$23.97
- Total Expense in April: \$291.12
  - Had to pay for Taxes, STEM Night, Teacher Appreciation
- Balance on Hand 5/6/21 - \$75,559.84

### **AAPI Heritage Month**

- PTA recognizes and values our Asian American and Pacific Island families.

### **President's Report**

- PTA Committees
  - Communications – No mtg
  - Culture – Next Meeting: 6/4 9:00am
  - Fundraising
    - Currently planning Book Fair
  - Literacy Campaign – No mtg

- STEAM – No Mtg
- Wellness – Postponed to 2021/2022
- Previous Events
  - STEM Night, Literacy Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, Picture Day, Fun Run
  - T-Shirt store is still open for the Fun Run!
- Picture Day
  - Last week, and ALL students in school got their picture taken.
  - Remote students were invited to get their picture taken after school.
  - Families will be receiving a code in a flyer to order their pictures online in about two weeks.
  - You will be able to choose the picture, background, and the package you would like to purchase (but you are not obliged to purchase).
- Literacy Campaign
  - Read Out Loud / Lead Out Loud
  - Let's read aloud as families, connect around reading and help build our students into the next generation of leaders through literacy.
  - Available now: Literacy Hub with many resources for the 2 books that went home with each student.
  - “Windows & Mirrors” literary guidance.
- PTA Upcoming Events
  - Virtual Book Fair: May 17 – June 10
  - Fun Run: May 1-31<sup>st</sup> (Last Days!)
  - Saturday Virtual Programming (collaboration w/YANY)
  - Real Talk Forum with PS 163: BLM – June 2, 6:00pm
  - Graduation – Need volunteers, esp for Pre-K!
- BLM “Real Talk” Forum
  - Moderated by PS 163/165 PTA Members
  - June 2, 6:00pm
  - Panelists will speak candidly about racism and the BLM community, from how it personally affects them to how their families talk about these events.
  - Breakout rooms will facilitate dialogue and attendees can take away concrete actions to become better allies.
  - All are welcome!
- Virtual Book Fair

- May 17-June 10
  - Get your books for Summer!
  - Fair is entirely online and all orders shipped directly to your home. Orders over \$25 ship free!
  - Order books by June 10 and 165 will earn 25% in rewards to purchase books for students and our school libraries (please disregard the current date range displayed on the fair site, you can order past May 30.)
  - Questions: Fatima Sowid
- Family Resources Highlight
    - Parent University – Summer programs and events for students.
- School Community
    - Saturday Virtual Programming – collab with YANY Afterschool
      - Recycled Art on 6/5 At 10:45
      - Year in Review 6/12
    - PS 165 Online Reviews
      - Pre-K and K season
      - Please leave reviews!
    - Support our school with Amazon Smile
- Newsletter: If you would like to stay connected and up-to-date and don't already receive the PTA Newsletter, please sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/ps165pta> (Please double check your spam folder!)

### **School Leadership Team (SLT) Report**

- Next SLT Meeting: June 14, 2:30-4:00
- STEM and Literacy Nights went well.
- Parents: Reminder to check announcements in Google Classroom!
- To observe a meeting, fill out the Google form found at the website by 11:00am the morning of the meeting for a zoom link.

### **Building Safety Council**

- Last meeting was 5/11/21.
- Emergency Drills: 4 remaining for the year.
- Safety in neighborhood has been a concern, school admins speaking with local NYPD reps for later hours.
- Construction continues six days a week after school hours.

- No new updates.
- Teachers Union - no current concerns to report.

### **Q&A**

- Q: Any way to offer an incentive/prize to get people to fill out the Survey?
  - Please reach out to Cesar and Parent Coordinator to discuss.
- Q: What efforts are happening to encourage parents to leave reviews on school sites?
  - PTA is working on this.
- Q: Will YANY be in person in the fall?
  - Yes!

Next PTA General Meeting is Monday, June 21, after the Town Hall.

**Adjournment** – 6:13pm.