

**PS 32 PTA**  
**October 16 2017**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**

Pledge of Allegiance

April Mastrangelo, Co-President

- "I can run the meeting but we cannot vote due to lack of quorum."
- Introduced two Leaders from the Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts. They showed a video presentation of what the Boy Scouts has to offer. Explained programs available for different age groups & how scouting fosters character building, citizenship, sportsmanship, etc. Girls are now accepted into the Boy Scouts. Their core mission is gender neutral.

Nancy Spataro, Principal

- Spoke about the Theatre program for students and that we need to vote to spend about \$500 for the program.
- Halloween parade: DJ Mike will play music for kids to dance to in the schoolyard after they walk around the school.
- Recently had a parents' craft for Fall where they made a wreath. Looking to do something in the evening too. Another craft will be in Spring.
- State testing will be for two days. It's still untimed. Please let teachers know if your child needs accommodations. Mosel shows teachers students' strengths and weaknesses. AIS has begun. After school tutoring will start in a month or so.
- Ms. Doren would like to do student-led P/T conferences in the upper grades.
- Growth mindset: No limits for children. Praise them for the process, not the grades. Positive reinforcements
- Teachers are training for bullying situations according to the chancellor's guidelines – "Respect for All".
- Arts Grant: Leadership team (teachers) are looking into it.
- Schoolyard design: Student Council visited PS 41 to see their schoolyard layout & get ideas.
- Parent asked if we are still doing STEM/Robotics with IS 24? Response: We are not.
- Architecture is not being given this year as we'd used Marquis Studios for 2 yrs.
- Construction on the school's exterior is being done one area at a time. They are not allowed to begin working before 4pm/6pm depending on which side of the building they're working.

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- We now have quorum with 3 parents, 2 teachers and 3 of our officers that can count towards it.
- Minutes: Did everyone get a copy? Motion to accept minutes? Jen Insalaco & Mrs. Beck, All in favor
- Treasurer's report: Did everyone get a copy? Motion to accept? Christine Milano & Mrs. Behr, All in favor
- We need to combine the Nov-Feb meetings & hold in the mornings. We don't get people to come at night which makes it difficult to get quorum. The newsletter is online for people to get information. Parents concerned that they can't make the morning meetings.

- Parents brought up some concerns & ideas such as Family Night, Father /Daughter Dance, etc. Mrs. Spataro explained that people have ideas but no one wants to volunteer. It's always the same few doing all the work. She also stated that she is a guest at PTA meetings and prefers to address any concerns in private in her office. Mrs. Spataro did discuss the 5<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Things are being changed so it's more of a true dance for the kids.
- **Voting:** Motion to vote to combine day/night meetings from Nov – Feb? Christine Milano & Mrs. Beck. Any against? Megan Alavarces Majority Rules
- Dates to Remember:
  - 10/24 Cookie Delivery
  - 10/27 Pumpkin Patch
  - 11/16 PTA Meeting (first a.m. meeting)
  - 12/7 – 12/8 Holiday Fair
- Candy Sale was successful and online orders have started shipping.
- Correspondence: Thank You card from Ms. Aldinger
- Raffle Winner: Jen Insalaco
- Motion to adjourn: Megan Alavarces & Mrs. Behr, All in favor