

**P.S. 32 PTA**  
**September 15, 2018**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**

Pledge of Allegiance

Trisha Altuna-Byrnes, President

- Introduction of officers
- Motion to vote to be a PTA or PA. Explained the difference. Motion to accept? Amanda Piantosi & Christine Milano. All in favor
- Minutes: Vote to suppress reading at all meetings? Maria Oricchio & Maria Blasi. All in favor. Did everyone get a copy? Motion to accept minutes? Michelle Santamaria & Christine Milano. All in favor
- Treasurer's report: Vote to suppress reading at all meetings? Jennifer Finch & Julia Pira. Did everyone get a copy? Motion to accept? Maria Blasi & Concetta Addressi. All in favor
- Motion to accept 2018/2019 Budget? Richelle Walters & Tara Nally. All in favor
- Motion to spend \$500 for pretzels to be given to students after the March of Dimes mini-walk. Amanda Piantosi & Krista Andersen. All in favor.
- Volunteers needed for committees and events, like Carnival & Pumpkin Patch.

Mrs. Spataro, Principal

- Welcome back to school! Thank you to the PTA for a smooth arrival the first few days back.
- Introduced staff members present at meeting.
- Website has been updated with the grading policy info & rubrics.
- K-1 will have a Reading coach from the Chancellor's office to come every 6-7 weeks.
- Grant for 1<sup>st</sup> grade: "Reading Rescue" program to be run by Mrs. Beck.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be using "Algebra for All" to complement GoMath.
- Spoke about various programs like STEAM, Enrichment Through the Arts & Sciences (ETAS), Growth Mindset, etc.
- There are programs available for students such as At Risk Services, IEP, Tutoring, and Related Services.
- After School programs have been worked on from last school year. We have many great programs and hope to get good participation. Starting October-November:
  - *Mighty Mentors*: The upper grades work with lower grades in a leadership role. They read and do a theme based activity together. The program will be 8 sessions in the Library from 2:30-3:45pm on Wednesdays.
  - Reached out to the YMCA re a 6-week enrichment program.
  - Monday programs will be led by the Parent Coordinator, Michele Mancuso.
  - SLT parents and teachers will be volunteering their time for parent workshops on Thursdays.
- There will be a "Welcome Back" Carnival on 10/12/18 with a rain date of 10/18/18. We don't know when schoolyard construction will begin/end. We will do the best we can to make sure kids get enough exercise. Students will go for walks and use the gym.

- The schedule for Theatre/Band is being balanced with the gym class schedules. Please understand that the children committed to a Band program in June and need to stick to it. We can't shift schedules. Budgets are based on those commitments.
- Ms. Schultz, A.P. spoke about Child Abuse. The school is mandated to report any instance of suspected abuse to ACS. They have to go by what the child says.

Motion to adjourn? Concetta Addessi & Julia Pira. All in favor