**PS29 PTA – General Meeting**

**Thursday 01/20/22**

**Via Zoom**

Started: 6:05 pm

Ended: 7:05 pm

Minutes taken by Kristin Heavey, Co-Secretary

1. Treasurer’s Report – Jon Margolis
   1. Budget getting more in black – currently 143K positive, much from afterschool program
   2. Fundraising picked up in December – now at $72K, 23% of goal
      1. $34K direct appeals
      2. $14K from Eat Pie Shop
      3. Facebook Giving Tuesday not reflected yet – comes in January, will be updated next month
2. Covid related supplies – Emily Chan
   1. Testing van from LabQ
      1. If 100 people get tested, truck is free, if not $500 to have van park in neighborhood
      2. Discussion between D15 schools about access/equity for testing
      3. Partner with Boerum Hill School (middle school) to get van location in neighborhood. Would be promoted by both schools.
      4. Cannot help with turnaround time – if labs are crunched not much we can do
      5. Because PS29 PTA has comfortable funding we would sponsor truck on behalf of both schools, but van open to both school communities and local community.
      6. Goal is Saturday 2/26 – end of February break. If goes well could do again for spring break.
   2. Proposing $1500 expense for covid supplies – would cover 2 vans and extra supplies if needed. Might not need it especially if 100 people show up each day for testing van.
   3. Line item unanimously approved in Zoom poll vote. $1500 will be added to the budget and reflected next month.
3. Principal’s update – Rebecca Fagin
   1. 2 open houses – late December and early January, both Zoom
   2. Looks like across city DOE is predicting enrollment going down.
      1. PS29 is currently at 735 students, maybe upper 600s for next school year.
      2. Will be messaging soon to families to determine who will return next year so can plan for budgeting, staffing, etc.
   3. Height of absences was early January – 130 students
      1. Today – 43 kids absent, 94% attendance
      2. DOE testing still very small number so encourage/appreciate families proactively testing
   4. Checking in with community on mental health, bringing joy – more events for students as things open up, e.g. yoga, ballroom dance for 5th, improv
   5. Staff IDEA committee valuable part of school community
      1. Using strategies from Raising Race Conscious Children in classrooms every day
      2. Supporting staff and parents with their work
4. Raising Race Conscious Children – Cara Turnbull and Emma Fitzpatrick
   1. Reviewed 3 strategies for having proactive race talk with children
      1. Name it, narrate it, complicate it
   2. Breakout rooms to discuss and practice
5. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm