

**PS516 PTA General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

President's Welcome

- Introduction of Executive Board
- Thanks to last years EB and the parents
- Sign up sheets available to be added to communication list. You can also contact PTA by email at pta@sunsetparkav....
- We welcome all contributions from volunteer to services that will help us to serve the needs of the school community.
- Join us by donating your time, goods or services.

Budget Review and vote

- Cara presents the budget.
- PTA needs volunteers to get involved by either joining or leading a committee.
- This years budget is based on the last years with hopes that the same amount is earned.
- Question about childcare costs at PTA meetings: Can a parent volunteer to offset that cost. NAME says she is an educator and is willing. The budget allows for childcare costs when a volunteer cannot make it.
- There are barriers identified to attending PTA meetings. Time of day, childcare...
- Parent speaker: "I'm familiar with PTA at another school and can tell you it is common to struggle to get parents to attend.
- PTA EB board needs to more communication going out.
- Parent speaker: Can we amend this budget to have less focus on fundraising and more on community building events.
- Parent speaker: Can we get the attendance up? Meetings planned may have less attendance if it falls on the same week as another event at the school.
- Parent question: Why did the classroom allowance go down from \$300 to \$125 per class? Cara: This number was arrived at because of the high cost of the 5th grade graduation party. Last year was the first 5th grade class at PS 516.

**Budget vote**

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Budget is approved.

Calendar Review

- This calendar is still in draft form. The PTA EB will be meeting again to finalize it and get permits. Some scheduled EB meetings need to be moved because they conflict with the SLT meetings.
- Any concerns you may please bring to PTA board or Ms. Knudson.

#### Group brainstorming for events and activities

- Call for ideas for this years activities
- Yard Sale: Possibly combining with the spring fair/earth day
- NY marathon booth outside school on 4th ave. Sell items for fundraising.

#### Introduction of Committees

- Contact us to sign up
- Co-secretaries will be processing the parent surveys this week and will be in touch about forming committees.

#### Presentation by Class Parent Committee

- The purpose of the class parent is to help in the classroom (sorting handouts for blue folders etc.) and build community. What is needed depends on the teacher.
- Announcement and forms to sign up went home last week.
- Seeking two parents per class.
- At most one hour per week commitment.
- Currently a major challenge is making sure every student gets a snack. MS. Knudson explains her reasons for starting this new policy of no sending snacks to school.

#### Vote on last General meeting notes (June 2019)

- Yays have it

#### Proposal from parent (claudia)

- Hat fundraising. Selling hats to friends.
- Vote: yes carries.

#### Notes:

- The headsets for translation needs to be fixed before next weekend. Transmitters not working.
- Need for a Mandarin speaker for translation