



General Meeting Minutes 1/12/22, 9am

Meeting in order 9:04am

Minutes of prior EB meeting approved

PTA received \$86K to date in donations
Some funds from TOTS pending

New corp donor Trinity church donated \$2,500

PTA has paid for \$23K of professional development, \$9K classroom supplies and more
Staff appreciation and retention include breakfasts and donations to relevant organizations

Still maintain \$400k fundraising target for the year

LabQ issues – contact LabQ directly, LabQ sending another van today to compensate for issues

Teachers and staff consistently doing things outside job description to help accommodate issues due to covid, appreciation is extremely important. PTA feels teacher appreciation is money well spent. Colleen and Deborah instrumental in spearheading.

Friday email from Denise is touchstone for what's happening at the school. If you don't know what's happening at the school, go to that email first. Attendees urged to contact Denise if not receiving that email. Also look for newsletter and follow social media.

In person events are on hold, rolling with the covid punches. Not calling them canceled, they are postponed. Virtual Winter may be the new norm, not sure.

Maggie – teacher retention is important along with morale. Focusing on it. Variant is extremely contagious but thankfully not hearing about kids/parents getting very sick. Trying to navigate situations where parents are keeping children home more out of caution or concern. Call school office to discuss if helpful or speak with pediatrician. Will be harder for kids who miss more school to catch up. But certainly cannot guarantee kids won't covid at school.

Our sister school in the Bronx impacted by the fire, some family members and students have been hospitalized or lost their homes. Luckily nobody from school body has died. We are thinking about

sending pizza, donuts, small items to raise morale at the school. May use Principal's discretionary line in budget. Stay healthy!

Trivia Night – virtual event using company called So Fun. Feb 10, 6pm. Look for email.

Auction – even if you can't contribute a lot of time but know restaurants or businesses who can give items, definitely try and participate. Need all hands. Maybe volunteer on a committee. Every bit helps.

Bridge the gap – any amount is appreciated! Can absolutely still donate. Most direct and cost effective way to give. If you have corporate matching please make use of it! There is a monthly sustainer program for a small monthly automatic donation. A lot of families find very convenient.

250 Water St – draft remedial work plan released last night. The working group is a big win for the community to have a voice when there are issues during construction. Many groups favorable to the school's interests have seats on the working group. Design changes should not be happening before there is an open pit construction site. All plans should be completely sync'd up before ground is broken.

Meeting adjourned 9:58am