

FC PTA General Meeting
November 14, 2016 6-7:30pm
Southside Community Center, 202 Plain St, Ithaca, NY
Meeting Minutes Margaret Royall

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Welcome & Introductions – something you're excited about
2. Meeting minutes will be posted online for review - Margaret Royall
3. Treasurer's Report will happen quarterly, next report will be at March meeting
4. Nominating Committee
 - a. Positions up for re-election: President and Secretary
 - b. One current elected board member will be on the committee – Jamie Jones-Rounds
 - c. At least two volunteers from the membership are needed for the committee
 - d. Please contact the board if you are interested
5. Fundraising – Christina King
 - a. Currently we have ongoing fundraisers, but Fall FUNdraiser is in last year, so we will need some new fundraisers for the upcoming year
 - b. In need of a committee and chair – very important because we will need multiple fundraisers in the future
 - c. Examples of additional fundraisers: Book Fair, SCRIP
6. Standing Committee/Coordinator Updates
 - a. Play Committee - ongoing – Kate Dimpfl, need committee members
 - i. Looking for members who can coordinate supplies from Lowe's, grant writing
 - b. Talent Show – Nov. 17, 6:15pm – Chris Bell (performers arrive at 6pm)
 - c. Math and Movement – Nov. 29, 6:30-7:30pm - Teresa Mogil
 - i. Need 15-20 volunteers who will be trained for one hour (5:30-6:30pm)
 - d. Photo Make-Up Day – Dec. 2 – Christina King
 - e. Coffee Fundraiser – November/December – Moira and Dan Sheehan
 - f. Craft Night – Fri, Dec.16, 6-7:30pm – Sophie Armstead
 - i. Need volunteers to help with setup 5:30-6pm and cleanup 7:30-8pm
 - ii. Signup sheet sent around
 - g. Winter FUNdraiser – Jan 22 – Tamara and Paul Acosta (not present)
 - i. This is the last year for this fundraiser
 - ii. Need a volunteer coordinator and other volunteers – ask people directly
 - h. Chocolate Fundraiser - a few times in upcoming months - Christine Brouwer Hinman
 - i. Life's so Sweet
 1. gift certificates, 40% to us (they are unable to produce the volume we would need)
 2. Life's so Sweet – Possible to have “PTA day” in the spring where portion of proceeds from the day would go to FC PTA
 - ii. Membership input – liking the local aspect and the variety (allergen free, sugar free, fair trade, etc); would they be able to ship?; provide samples one day – before Friday Morning Program
 - i. Reading Celebration Committee – Ms. Spencer
 - i. planned for February the week before the break, will be teacher led
7. Ideas from Meeting attendees to help fulfill volunteer needs
 - a. Announce volunteer opportunities at Friday Morning Program
 - b. Send list of specific volunteer opportunities through email, on FB, on bulletin board
8. Peer Mediation – Jamie Jones-Rounds
 - a. Interest in following model at BJM
 - b. Our school psychologist is interested in training the students to be peer mediators
 - c. Hoping to have more speakers related to this topic

9. Speaker: Peace – Mihal Ronen
 - a. FCE has had many ways to promote positive interactions over the years (Our Positive Ways, PBIS, Positivity Brigade, etc)
 - b. Handout on Peer Mediation – See attached document
 - c. To have a Peer Mediation movement at school, a coordinator and trainer would be needed; it would be a huge time commitment
 - d. Mihal uses “Peace Talks” in her classroom – See attached document
 - e. Literature is an excellent way to learn about social interactions
 - f. Something to advocate for: ICSD to put more money into mental health and wellness
 - g. Input from meeting attendees
 - i. How can we have more communication at the school or use of this kind of communicating
 - ii. Interest in having more resources for teaching peer to peer communication
 - iii. Interest in helping kids have agency when conflicts happen, teaching it most strongly to the oldest kids
 - iv. Is there anyone locally who could do the training?
10. Open discussion relating to our kids, school, and current events. (not discussed this meeting)
11. Announcements
 - a. Next meeting March 6, 2017
12. Adjourn

Roles that need filling:

Fundraising Chair	PTA Meeting Dinner Server
Staff Luncheon Coord.	Teacher Appreciation Week Coord.

Remaining Events – 2016-2017

November 17	Talent Show		
November 29	Math and Movement		
December	Gimmie Fundraiser		
December 2	Photo Make up Day		
December 16	Craft Night		
*January 22	Winter FUNdraiser		
December - March	Basketball		
December, February, March	Chocolate Sale	Reading Celebration Week	
May	Teacher Appreciation Week	Talent Show	
June	Bike Rodeo	June Playground Party	Staff Luncheon

Remaining PTA Meetings:

March 6	May and June event committees
April 3	Nominate new board members
May 8	Vote on new board members