

# Q2L PTA Meeting

May 1, 2018

## MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 6:46 pm

### Principal's Address:

- MS Math tests start: today May 1 and May 2; AP tests start next week; Regents begin June 12
- Parent Teacher Conferences on May 3, 4:30-7:30, only for those whose promotion is in doubt; reach out for an appointment if you need one
- NPR education journalist Anya Kamenetz visits school this Thursday
- Middle school Boss Level starts May 18
- Prom will be held May 22
- June 5 – no classes for upper school students due to Global Regents, also no classes June 7 (Chancellor's Day)
- June 11 – no classes for middle school, incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation will be held, last day of upper school classes
- June 21- Upper School Graduation; June 25 – Middle School Moving Up Ceremony
- Frost Valley Trip: May 24-25; Club Getaway: June 5-6
- June 26- last day of school, summer school begins July 5
- Marking period 2 ends this Friday, report cards distributed May 11 and also mailed home
- 60% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been retained for next year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade of a robust 140 students
- Pool will be functional for community to use next year

**Treasurer's Report:** Up \$110 for Direct Drive; \$55.00 in merchandise sold; next month Proposed PTA Budget for 2018-19 will be presented and voted on.

**Speaker: Russell Langsam, NY Executive Director, College Spring ([rlangsam@collegespring.org](mailto:rlangsam@collegespring.org))** College Spring is a non-profit organization whose mission is to help students from low-income backgrounds to pursue the college education they deserve, since they often lack access to the same assistance and resources that their wealthier peers possess, such as test prep, college coaching, financial aid etc. Beginning in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, College Spring works all year with students in their classrooms with their own teachers to help them increase SAT and ACT scores and confidently navigate the college application process, increasing their chances of attending college by 50%. Program is no cost to students; for school it would be about \$200 per student. Russell will speak with Nick and Kathy about the possibility of developing a long-term relationship. Program can be tailored to school's needs.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve April Minutes by Marisol Roman; seconded by Nancy Cashman

**Nominating Committee:** 1 middle school and 1 upper school SLT slot needs to be filled. PTA agreed to hold spots open for September election

**Talent Show:** (May 16): **Melissa Dupalo, Faculty Coordinator** gave details of first talent show: begins at 3:00 pm, so far, 9 acts. Top 3 performers will receive a \$25 Gift Card, as determined by audience. Tickets will be \$1 with raffle (Quest merchandise). The Spring Auction on May 30 will be announced, and concessions will be sold before and after. A sign-up sheet will be available for parent volunteers and for concession donations on-line (Nancy Cashman). Lighting and sound people are also needed.

**Spring Auction: Fern Robles (2018 Auction Coordinator):** so far, 35 items received, need many more. Many big items: Watch What Happens Live tickets, NY Comic con tickets. Drop off items to Kathy's office. On-line auction goes from May 20-30.

Auction Party at ZincBAR (May 30), need food and wine donations, volunteers to set up and decorate, tickets \$40, includes two glasses of wine and 10 tricky tray chances, also wine pull, cash bar. Fat Witch brownies donated for party.

Other items:

- Kathy will bring up with Nick again the need for a weekly newsletter to provide consistent and regular communication to parents. This newsletter (and all school communications, ideally) should be translated into Spanish and Chinese as well.
- Melissa Dupalo commented that more teachers would come to PTA meetings if they were held on Mondays or Thursdays as opposed to Tuesdays. Executive Board should discuss at next meeting.

Next PTA Meeting: **June 5, 2018, 6:30-8, Library**

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm