

PTA General Meeting
January 17, 2024 at 8:30AM
Location: 75 Morton Campus Lounge (Basement)

I. Call to Order

II. Review December Meeting Minutes – Approved

III. President's Report

- Cherrydale Fundraiser raised \$1365 for the school
- The annual auction is scheduled for April 12 and raised \$40k last year
 - Donations are needed as well as someone to shadow Corinne and help with party planning, online data management etc. since this is her last year
 - The auction is a chance for parents, staff and teachers to celebrate the community together
- Yearbook – we need volunteers to collect and hound for photos from school events; all grades
- We will be holding a Family Event March 15 with stations and need volunteers
- Parents are encouraged to join the Grade-Specific WhatsApp groups that have been set up by parents (not affiliated with 75 Morton's administration or PTA) – links were distributed in last week's newsletter; this is another way to connect with the community
- Also consider volunteering to help with 8th Grade events such as Snow Ball

IV. Principal's Report

- MAP assessment is coming.
- There is also an assessment that mirrors the ELA State Exam that will be computer-based to shake out any issues with the process ahead of time
- Principal Cofie aims to conduct any required interventions (where students may be at risk of not graduating) early while there is time to address issues.
- The student council is identifying what campaigns could be helpful to the student body to encourage good behaviors

V. New Business – Library Update from Donna

- 5 author experiences will be held this year
- 75 Morton is sending 2 kids to the Manhattan borough spelling bee; 57 participate and 12 move on. 75 Morton is hosting the citywide spelling bee in March.
- The library is holding a number of different activities including Picky Readers, Bookies in the spring (book awards), literary magazine, Lunchtime in the Library
- Parents should check at home to ensure there are no library books lying around
- The library is always open for parent volunteers

VI. New Business – Career Day Update from Val

- Career Day will be held March 22
- We need 20 volunteers to talk about their careers with the kids on that day

VII. Parent Coordinator Report

- A workshop will be held on The Importance of Vaccinations on January 18 9AM in the cafeteria
- Picture Day is Feb 15 (this is also a fundraiser for the school) and the photos will be used for the yearbook; volunteers get a discount! Makeup day is March 22
- A virtual event will be held January 31 on the topic of bullying

VIII. Treasurer’s Report

- We raised \$2395 through direct appeal, and \$393 from the school store
- We are in a good financial position as opposed to other schools in district
- We need to focus on fundraising to keep the numbers where they are
- We put money sitting in the bank into a money market account (\$202k) – the majority of which is a grant which will be used on technology
- 9 of 9 people in-person voted to spend another \$2500 on merchandise for the school store (this is in addition to the \$2500 which was approved last meeting)

IX. School Leadership Team Report

- None

X. Manhattan Youth Afterschool Program

- None

XI. Old Business

- None

XII. Adjournment