

PS198 PTA Meeting Notes
Friday April 21st 8am Room M1

Attendees: 28 people. Randi has the list.

Principal Report: - Phil and Beth

Next PTA Meeting (May) is expected to be larger in numbers as we will be discussing upcoming PTA events and budgets. All items on the budget are determined on the amount of money raised at the auction, etc. We need at least 40K at auction for the current proposed budget to work.

June PTA meeting will have elections and voting on the budget.

Book Fair: We made over 2K on the bookfair and 13K on read a thon - March was our profitable month ever.

Spring Fling Auction 4/27: It's next week. Bidding for good is live! We need families, volunteers, desserts, etc. We need to promote if families can not pay the full amount for a ticket but do want to participate, to see Danielle. Art Gallery walk is open for families to see. There will be raffles for music, items etc. Bidding for Good is LIVE, promote to your friends and family. Get the WORD OUT!

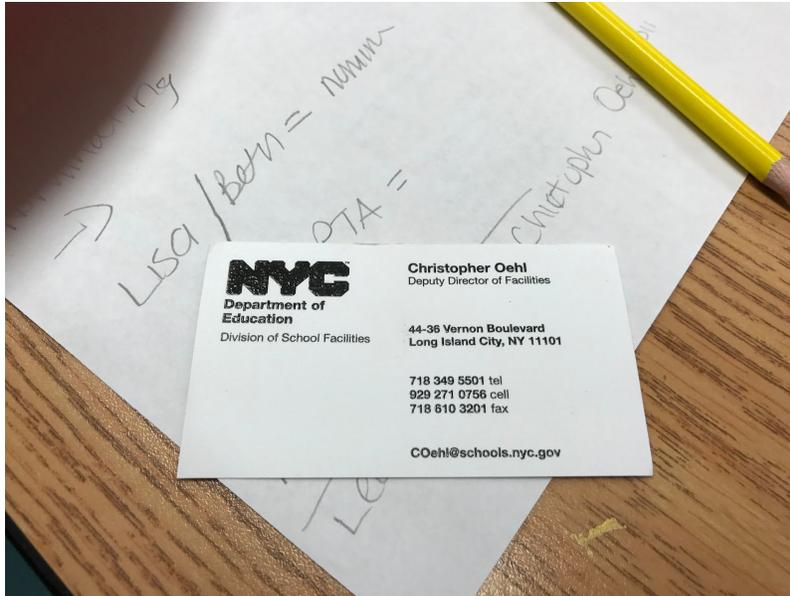
Spring Musical with Ms. Fisk - was a success. We will do it again next year!

5th Grade Committee: The 5th grade committee would like to work with any 4th grade families who are looking to learn about what is necessary for the following year. We learned by having a better informed 4th grade team, many things may be avoided.

PTA Elections: It's important to start thinking about the new team of leaders and getting new families start thinking about the PTA next year. Phil will not be running for any position and many active families are in in the 5th grade are graduating. It's a great opportunity for new families and current members to be stronger parent leaders and really continue to move things forward.

Beth and Phil will create an eblast with all roles and responsibilities so that families understand the being a school leader is manageable and for everyone.

Beth Pilchik and Lisa Tsatsas will be leading the nominating committee (although Beth wants her to run.) . Should she decide, we can get another person to be on the committee ASAP. To tell Beth and Lisa, please email pta@ps198m.org



Christopher Oehl - Deputy Director of Facilities, NYC Dept of Ed came to discuss lead in the water. The rules changed and when it was 15 parts per second, the school was fine. When it was 25 parts, they found 2 issues in the building. A faucet in a room where children NEVER use and the steamer in the the kitchen. In addition, they found sinks that had not been used or worked in over a decade. Those areas have been fixed. When fixed, they also found that one of these sinks (which was NEVER used by children as it was broken) in the boys locker room in the gym had higher levels of lead.

All areas in the school are working and have been fixed and the school participates in weekly protocols of stagnant flushing. Every monday, before the school opens, all faucets and water is tested. If the City changes this to daily, the school will of course do this.

Chris Oehl also said this issue is in all schools, new and old. But 198/77 is safe and fixed. If anyone has any questions, Chris can be emailed at COehl@schools.nyc.gov. He also offered to come again and discuss facilities.

Treasurer's Report: Annual Fund: 49K. Budget - Phil emphasized we need to make at least 40K at the auction for the current budget to stay as it needs to. If not, we need to make adjustments.

Meeting ending. Family Friday began!