

Nishuane PTA Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022, 6:30 PM

Via Zoom

Link to meeting recording and chat log:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pj3w4htdkjp721m/AAD8kNENGaYFg5CWtqZm2yAZa?dl=0>

Agenda

- 1) Intro/Welcome
- 2) Principal's Welcome – Frank Sedita
 - a) Black History Month
 - i) Ms. Allen has organized Black History trivia for all classes
 - ii) First week of February was Black Lives Matter Week of Action
 - b) Lunar New Year event was a big success
 - c) SATp: Growing Group 2/22 will focus the desegregation and history of Montclair's magnet school system
 - d) Staff is engaged in professional development around social justice with Principal Kafele
 - e) CI/aesthetics – thank you to Ms. Allen and Ms. McGowan
 - f) Pennies for Pages coming soon
 - g) Met with the PTA to discuss critical needs in the building. Planning to meet with Buildings & Grounds regarding potential updates to the playground and air conditioning
 - h) Thank you to the PTA for Valentine's Day treats
- 3) Treasurer's Report – Jessica Liebson
 - a) High level overview from 2019-2020
 - i) Despite ending the year remotely we spent almost \$62k, \$31k of which was furniture for the first grade
 - ii) We are proposing a similar level of funding to our 2019-2020 budget with some exceptions
 - (1) Took out events that didn't happen
 - (2) Added \$2000 for SATp to better support their mission and programming

- (3) Changed teacher stipends to include \$2500 schoolwide dollars to support remote/hybrid learning

b) Highlights for 2021-2022

- i) Tents, outdoor tables/benches
- ii) Mics for all teachers
- iii) Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast, 1st day decorations
- iv) Teacher lunch
- v) Teacher stipends
- vi) Fees (Zoom, Shopify, etc.)
- vii) Holiday gifts (teachers, paras, staff)
- viii) Lunch for teachers & staff Dec. 16
- ix) Explorers
- x) OneNish! brought winter clothes and toys to families
- xi) Games and activities for indoor recess
- xii) Redhawk Nation Art Council Performance (November)
- xiii) Kwanzaa Celebration (December)
- xiv) Book Fair

c) Future Spend/Wishlist

- i) 2022 Spend
 - (1) Furniture for grades 1 & 2 (\$15-20k)
 - (2) Art Room furniture (TBD)
 - (3) Summer books (\$5k)
 - (4) Nishuane beautification (\$2.5-5k)
 - (5) Classroom sensory bins (\$2.4k)
 - (6) Inclusion swing for playground (\$1k)
 - (7) Phase 1 air conditioners – mini-splits in hottest rooms (\$25k)
- ii) 2023 Spend
 - (1) Kindergarten furniture (TBD)
 - (2) Lunch room furniture (\$24k)
 - (3) Large format printer
 - (4) Playground equipment
 - (5) Decodable books

(6) Calm Down Room (\$5k)

(7) Air conditioners for rest of school – mini-splits (TBD)

iii) Next step: organize and sequence the list by effort & level of benefit

d) Need to confirm which upcoming activities will happen and budget for each

i) Mayfair

ii) Pancake Breakfast

iii) Fireball

iv) Etc.

4) Mr. Eder update

a) Production is back this year

b) Ms. Hampton (former Nish teacher) has offered to make a Fireball Dragon costume for Mr. Eder

c) Health & Wellness Fair outdoors April 9, at the school

d) Adopt-a-Gym program, based in West Virginia, donates gym equipment to schools that don't have the funding for it. Suggestion to participate in fundraising next year, to help schools less fortunate than ours.

5) Adjourn

a) Next meeting is March 24, 2022. Nomination Committee will report on progress at that meeting.