

# TAOTS PTO

## General Meeting Minutes

### Tuesday, September 22, 2016

#### Cafeteria

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- I. **Principal Josephine Sportella-Giusto** welcomed everyone back. She spoke about the school being ranked #76 out of over 2,000 schools in NYS. TAOTS was one of ten schools chosen for a NYC initiative in Computer Science. The program will be piloted this year in a handful of classrooms across the grades. There was a significant increase in students scoring 3s and 4s on 2016 ELA State exams at TAOTS (over 80% of students). 77% of students scored 3s and 4s on 2016 Math State exams.
- II. 6:23pm. **Welcome** by Sandy Chum-Wu, Co-President
- 2016-2017 Executive Board introductions: Sandy Chum-Wu and Leslie Tulumello, Co-Presidents; Philip Sum, Vice President; Irina Furmanskaya, Treasurer; Anna Messina, Recording Secretary; Janice Huang, Fundraising Secretary
  - June 2016 Meeting Minutes were read by Leslie Tulumello, Co-President. Minutes were approved.
- III. **Expedited Elections:**
- Sandy Chum: Presented the open PTO Board positions with descriptions (Marketing Secretary, Financial Secretary, Corresponding Secretary).
  - Candace Barbato self-nominated for Marketing Secretary. Uncontested election: 135 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absentions
  - Sandy Chum: Introduced and described one vacant SLT position. Sandro Grancaric also described the purpose of SLT and the position requirements (to work towards CEP goals once a month for 1 hour with equal amounts of parents/staff being represented)
  - SLT position candidates introductions:
    - Manal Zoabi
    - Elaine Fridlin
  - Because there are multiple candidates a ballot will be circulated in the upcoming days to facilitate the elections.
  - Angela Huang self-nominated for Financial Secretary. Uncontested elections: 101 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absentions
- IV. **Financial Report:**
- Sandy Chum: A final financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 was not presented at the final meeting of that term. The 2015-2016

Board has since finalized it and it is up for approval along with the September financial report through this date.

- Question from Winnie Cheng regarding Bake Sale amount not being listed on the June 30, 2016 financial report. Sandy Chum explained that the Bake Sale and Pie Sale figures were combined. Leslie Tulumello explained that at the November 2015 meeting it was referenced that \$722 was earned from the Bake Sale.
- Zoi and Marzena (Financial Secretary and Treasurer from 2015-2016) presented to Co-Presidents, who then explained to members, that there is an updated financial report that reallocates these figures into separate categories. This updated financial report was made available at the meeting and will be on the website.
- Approval of June 30, 2016 Financial Report: 75 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absentions
- Approval of September 22, 2015 Financial Report: 44 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absentions

V. **Parent Involvement:**

- Volunteer forms were being circulated. Parents should submit their sign up sheet to be entered into raffle. Two names will be called for Photo Package voucher. (Winners: Cynthia Ranier-Grasso 1-217 and 3-222, Tierney Daughtry 4-233)
- Leslie Tulumello explained dues of \$25 and Direct Appeal as being the way that we give back directly to our school. (One free t-shirt for \$150 donation at the meeting, 2 free T-shirts for \$250 donation at the meeting).
- T- Shirts also being sold: 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25
- Philip Sum explained:
  - Amazon link from PTO website can earn up to 10% of your purchase for the school.
  - Box Tops – send them in an envelope. Earned \$400 last year.
  - Corporate Matching – TAOTS PTO is a 501c.

VI. **Fall Calendar of Events:**

- Lovable Labels – presented by Janice Huang
- Yankee Candle – presented by Janice Huang
- Election Day Bake Sale – presented by Janice Huang
- Picture Day – presented by Leslie Tulumello – Class Act Photographer being used again. The board is taking any feedback from past experiences to help improve this year's event.
- Leslie Tulumello: funds from the Fall events will be used to fund upcoming Pumpkin Patch, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation, and Class trip Sponsorship.
- Approval of Fall Fundraising Events: 79 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absentions

VII. Meeting Adjourned 6:56pm