

Transfiguration Kindergarten School's H.S.A.
January 12, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Paulino Brioso, Tim Crowley, Jane Eng, Emily Eng-Tran, Elizabeth Granda, Finola Keyes, Anny Lee, Steve Morales, Siuling Pun, and Teresa Wong.

Current projects:

Yello Dyno Child protection Workshop – Thursday, Jan. 14th at 6:30 p.m. – see flyer

Comments: This year's workshop is similar to last year's. Parents who attended the workshop last year commented that the children learned about tricky strangers from the songs. Parents would learn how to help their child reinforce the concepts. Books and materials about child protection are available in the Family Borrowing Library after the workshop.

Parents with Kindergarten children are asked to attend a mandatory meeting at 6 pm on the same day at the elementary school's auditorium. The meeting will end on time for parents to return to our school and attend the workshop.

Bathroom – anti-slip tape squares, flushable wipes

Comments: The new squares were applied but came off. Mr. Tim Crowley is looking into a kind of long strips of anti-slip for the tiles. Anti slip paint, similar to epoxy that was used last year, might be a better solution. Ms. Diana Leung is researching on flushable wipes.

Uniform update - vendor for uniform, care label sheet, adjustments, free shipping for all orders placed next year, vendor for shoe, free uniform for those on scholarship next year, buttons for the grey cardigan

Comments: The administration met with Arthur, the president of the uniform company. He agreed to improve customer service, provide free shipping for all orders placed next school year, and free uniform for students who will receive scholarship next year. Uniform with manufacturer's defects can be returned and replaced. Pilling should not happen under proper care. A note about care instructions will be sent home. The care instructions will also appear on the tags of the uniform items in the future.

Parents reviewed the care label and uniform sample with design changes for jumpers. Adjustments included buttons on shoulder, deeper V-neck, narrower sides, and higher side splits.

School expansion status

Comments: Right before the Christmas break, Mr. Tim Crowley and members of the H.S.A. wrote a letter to the superintendent, Dr. McNift, and gathered signatures from parents in our community. The essence of this letter is to support the elementary school parents and administration, and help emphasize the urgency on the announcement of the third site in the growing population in our well performing Catholic school.

There is no change in the status. The parent letter was received on 12/29/2009. Archbishop Dolan is out in Rome and expected back next week. Things are in a holding pattern right now. The school will inform the parents of any changes so that we can plan properly.

Scaffolding on playground Jan 18

Comments: Reviewed the permit for putting scaffolding on our playground by the building management starting on January 18th. Confucius Plaza Management will put up scaffolding on the school's playground to fix the building bricks above the school. The playground and the tent will be closed during this time. Please use the stroller parking area with care. The students will use the Confucius Plaza community room on the first floor for playtime. Gym will be held in community room and common area. We expect the construction to be completed in three to four months, by May the latest.

Scholastic Book Fair – Feb. 8-11 - chair person – Mr. Steve Morales

Need volunteers

Sell and display books

Book fair is opened at 8 to 9 and 5 – 6

Go into the community and display one for one books – the Oct. book fair raised over \$1,600

Comments: Book Fair will be held in the Confucius Plaza community room. Parents suggested that the bookfair be run for fewer days but for longer hours each day. Due to the new location for this book fair, we will be able to draw more traffic from the residents. We need parents to monitor the inventory and handle sales in the community room and also to help reach out to businesses. Last time we were able to reach a handful of business owners to help display One for One Books donation program in their storefronts. We would like to reach out to more in the community.

Yearbook committee – schedule a meeting with JCNY to plan the layout and timeline

Comments: Some parents began to help select the pictures for the hardcopy Kindergarten yearbook. We need a parent volunteer to help schedule a meeting with JCNY, the production company that produced the yearbooks last year. The committee will set the submission date of pictures and scanned images to JCNY. Mrs. Anny Lee volunteered to help.

The digital yearbook consists of pictures and music from all six classes. The school is still collecting pictures of class field trips, community service events, or other school event pictures. Please submit your pictures to Teacher Teresa.

School wide family fair day: mid-November

Use Mosco St.

Use auditorium

Link with Food drive

Form committees: securing sponsorship, security, activity booths, schedule

Comments: Parents voted for the family fair day to be held on a Saturday or Sunday so that families from the kindergarten and elementary schools, the local community, and the tourists can participate in the activities and contribute to the food drive. Parents preferred an open area such as part of a park, rather than limiting the area to just one block. Suggestions about additional space: the field area in Columbus Park or the basketball section on Worth Street side of the Columbus Park. Auxiliary police or precinct will be needed to monitor. Suggestions about activities: Offer tickets for each ride on bouncy inflatables or jumping castle.

Open Forum:

Class carpet

Childcare between 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Community service: Brooklyn Children’s Museum

Comments: Three parents in Love class contributed to a class carpet. Cleaning and maintenance of the carpets are still a top priority. The carpets are vacuumed daily. Ms. Julie Peng is continuing her research on steam vacuums.

Some parents expressed a need for childcare at breakfast time only once a while, not on a regular basis. One suggestion on handling the once-a-while need for childcare included a fee for each session.

Brooklyn Children’s Museum invited our students to perform singing and dancing for a Chinese New Year celebration community service event. It will be held on **Saturday, February 6th from 12 pm to 2 pm**. There will be a dancing group of about 12 and a singing group of 15. Teachers Tai, Lili, Kitty, Rosa, and John will direct the dancing and singing. Families of the performers will meet at the museum on that day. All families are welcome to support our performers.

Balance:

As of December 7, 2009	19,825.45
2009 Santa’s Workshop and Picture Donation	61.00
<u>as of January 12, 2010</u>	<u>19,886.45</u>

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 9th, 2010. Have a wonderful day!