PTO General Meeting Agenda-11/21/16

Executive board in attendance: Daniel, Karlyn, Karly, Nataliya, Rosemary, Oksana, Mai, Alyssa
Total attendance:

October minutes read
    Unanimously approved

Principal report-Donna Taylor and Anna Moshura
BSI website redesigned and accessible as of 11/21/16-Brooklynschoolofinquiry.org
    Old website (bsi686.org) will be archived, but accessible
Landing page includes newsletter (updated weekly) and teacher posts
Tabs:
    Announcements
        Includes competitions-will work with partners to improved communication
        regarding upcoming events (i.e. debate)
    About BSI
    Admissions
    Classroom posts
        Split by grade
        Separate specialty posts
        Expect weekly blogs-parents automatically subscribed (parents will need
        to unsubscribe)
    Contact page includes all staff email contact list
    Calendar
    Parent resources-separated by grade
    Forms
Dismissal forms
    Request no parent pick up after 2:00
    10 buses-will hold buses if teachers/monitors are not sure where a child is
    supposed to be
    Dismissal forms printed daily to be checked by teachers/dismissal monitors

Bullying/Discipline/classroom management
    Any bullying, including bullying on the bus, should be brought to the attention of
    the administration
    Disciplinary actions are according to DOE regulations
    Contact person is Donna or Anna for issues that occur between students
    Town

Tribes/Responsive classroom
    Early grades utilize tribe model with transition to responsive classroom as
    children get older
    In class and out of class workshops for all teachers regarding classroom
    management
Will consider parent workshop to better explain process to parents

Elevate
Workshop for middle school students for study skills. Materials should be available in school loop

Parents expressed concerns regarding curriculum and classroom management. Principal is point person for issues in class and with curriculum
Will consider workshops to address more specifics regarding curriculum (i.e. Algebra for All initiative)

Second trimester starts after Thanksgiving. New schedule to be distributed at that time

Media Literacy
Partnership with Exposure-pushing into the classroom

Library/Librarian
TAOTS/BSI partnership fell through due to lack of funding
Coordination of parental volunteers is ongoing.