

**Brooklyn Prospect Charter School**  
**Meeting of the PTA**  
**October 21, 2009**

**MINUTES**

An organizational meeting of the Brooklyn Prospect Charter School (the "school") PTA (the "PTA") was held in on October 21, 2009 in the school auditorium. Twenty-seven parents/guardians of students, faculty of the school (members of the PTA) signed the attendance sheet. Executive Director Daniel Rubenstein and Director of Development and Communications Penny Marzulli were present.

Executive Director Daniel Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 6:10pm.

Spanish translation was offered by parent Rebecca Gallagher.

WELCOME: Mr. Rubenstein welcomed everyone and thanked all volunteers for their work, including the bylaw committee and those who volunteered to form a nominating committee. The agenda for the meeting was established as follows:

- BYLAW DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION
- ELECTION OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE
- PRESENTATION BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE detailing the process of nominating the slate officer nominees
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BYLAWS-** presented by Sherri Levine and Kristian Larson. Bylaws with most recent edits were reviewed. Discussion of 9/23/09 draft as posted on the website was not substantially changed. The following changes were made to the 9/23 draft.

Ms. Levine requested comments, questions, and further amendments. No further amendments were submitted.

A motion was made to adopt the bylaws. Motion seconded. Vote taken: 26 in favor and 1 abstention. Bylaws were approved.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE.** A slate of volunteers for nomination committee was presented. A motion was made to nominate the slate, motion was seconded and a nomination committee ("NC") was presented for vote. Result: 26 in favor, 2 abstentions. The following committee was elected:

John Adler, Cynthia Williams, Wendy Chou, Julie Triedman and Allison Pennell.

**Presentation by Nominating Committee ("NC"):** John Adler, NC Chairman

Process of nomination was discussed: the NC met by conference call, called/attempted a call to all parents/guardians listed in the school's 2009/10 Student Family Directory. Backpack letters and emails were also sent to all families asking for volunteers. Meetings were scheduled with each volunteer. NC met to discuss and propose slate in accordance with the draft bylaws. Nominating Committee slate

presented to meeting. Nominations were called for from the floor; an additional nominee was proposed.

Nominees were introduced; each presented him/herself making a brief self-introduction.

A motion was made and seconded to put the nominations to a vote. The vote was taken by paper ballot.

Ballots were collected and counted by nomination committee. All in attendance were offered the option of observing the count.

The following officers were duly elected:

Co-Presidents: Tilda Doscher, Carla Lino  
Vice Presidents: Kristian Larsen, Nina Flores  
Secretary: Karl Greenberg  
Treasurer: Adam Schechter

### **School Announcements-** Mr. Rubenstein

1) Admissions season:

-Sibling preference reiterated

-Talking points on Brooklyn Prospect offered for BP families when asked about the school:

- I. Quality of faculty
- II. Focus of the academic program on 21st Century skill through IB program
- III. Attention to individual students through Advisory

2) Focus meetings are being organized by Executive Director who encouraged all parents to sign up through the website.

3) Parent Advisor Day (November 3) conferences detailed.

4) Progress reports to be sent home with students.

5) Ops/finance: Reminder to pay lunch Invoices and submit medical forms

6) Statement about after-school/sports programming/BAM, and school stance in relation to anchoring academics first

7) Technology: BP is looking at the different options in technology and whether we will become a laptop school. We will keep families informed.

Questions were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.