

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School – PTA Executive Board - December 4, 2012 – Approved Minutes

Attendees: 14 Executive Board Members

I. SLT Report: Mindy Wigutow reported that:

A. Expert Speaker Subcommittee: The SLT is working on having expert speakers come in to speak to students and/or parents.

B. Homework Subcommittee: A subcommittee of the SLT is looking at homework issues.

C. Teacher Gifts: We are very generous and give gifts collectively to all teachers and staffers in the building twice a year. There are to be no separate collections in the classrooms. Grade reps should not ask for money. (You can make a card or give flowers.)

II. Minutes: The minutes from November 2012 Executive Board meeting passed unanimously.

III. Budget: We discussed the administration requests for funds. Bojan Stoyanov made motions to: increase amount for assistant teachers, increase the recess line item., and increase the Architecture enrichment. (Architecture was paid by a grant last year.) The Executive Board approved the contingency unanimously. Bojan will present the non-contingency increases to the general PTA for a vote.

IV. Fundraising

A. Thanksgiving Eve: The Thanksgiving Eve event was a great success! We hope to keep Macy's in the future.

B. KidCreate: Thanks to Kat DeHaen for the awesome community building event.

C. Replacement for Pizzarelli Concert: There is no replacement for the Pizzarelli concert. We had other ideas, such as a talent show, but since it's a non-competitive school we may not want to do that.

D. KidFit: We are planning to have a KidFit event in May.

E. Photo Day: Photo Day was a great success.

F. Journal: Joy Heinze (Co-President) is working to streamline the process. Suzanne Kerr will continue the ad work. We could still use a volunteer to coordinate this.

V. Direct Appeal: Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) sent out a schedule for communications from the grade reps. The year-end is very important – on average, charities receive 41% of their annual contributions in the last few weeks of the year. And about 30% of annual giving has been coming online. We'll also do an alumni e-mail.

VI. Community Affairs: Joli Golden (VP, Community Affairs) said:

A. Sibling Policy: Over 600 letters have been sent to the DOE about the sibling policy. Elected officials have sent letters. There's a resolution on the City Council floor pushing for more G&T seats throughout NYC.

B. PEP Meeting: There is a Panel for Education (PEP) meeting 12/20, which is a public meeting.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.