

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School
PTA Meeting
February 6, 2013
Approved Minutes

1. Attendees: 36 parents
2. Minutes: The January General PTA minutes passed unanimously.
3. Principal's Presentation:
 - a. The 5-8th Grade musical presentation of Annie will be in mid-May with Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances. This is the first time Anderson has presented a musical.
 - b. Parent Teacher Conferences are on March 12th. This is a half-day.
 - c. Acuity Exams – The most recent round of Acuity exams reflect changes to exam standards. Scores throughout the City were lower on these exams. Your child's results are posted on ARIS.
 - d. Reminder that February break was shortened to Feb 18-19.
 - e. A recent *Daily News* article about a former teacher at Anderson incorrectly pointed to irregularities in the administration of a State exam. No State exams were involved, and no one was re-tested, as the article claimed.
 - f. Recent safety drills at Anderson have been quick and successful. All such drills follow DOE procedures.
 - g. Computer keyboarding is now being taught to the 5th grade, once a week.
4. President's Report: The SLT initiative to make June an enrichment month will require funding from the PTA. The expected amount is \$10,000 - 20,000. We will update with more information as the details are worked out.
5. Budget Committee:
 - a. Motion approved to increase budgeted amounts for staff appreciation this year.
 - b. Notice was given of a proposed vote at the March PTA meeting to pay an Architect's fee related to the redesign of the playground. This fee is expected to be shared by all the schools in the building. The playground redesign itself is being paid for by a grant.
6. Fundraising/Events:
 - a. Auction
 - i. The Auction continues to need donations. The deadline for donations was extended to February 22nd.
 - ii. The team is also looking for a DJ. Parents are asked to contact any member of Auction committee if they have suggestions or connections.
 - iii. We need additional volunteers - - especially for data entry. Please contact Stacey Lender, if you're interested.
 - iv. Tickets will go on sale soon.

- b. Kid Fit will be on May 4th from 11-3. The fundraising team is hoping for additional sports clubs and vendors to appear at the event. Please contact anyone on the fundraising team if you have any sports contacts.
7. Green Team: The Green Team is organizing activities for Earth Day, including possibly a green-themed movie night and a visit from the Bio Bus.
8. Community Affairs: Our building is hosting a VH1 Save The Music event on March 9th. Everyone who went last year was amazed by the talent and numerous offerings that were there. It's a great event and all are encouraged to attend.
9. Presentation by SLT rep
 - a. The new homework policy isn't changing grades for the majority of children.
 - b. SLT is reviewing whether it is appropriate to create rubrics for projects in non-core subjects.
 - c. June will be an enrichment month. SLT is planning and reviewing numerous activities for the children in June.
10. Special Presentation: Dr. Michael Sweeney, the director of the Metropolitan Center for Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (metropolitancbt.com), spoke on managing children's stress and anxiety.
11. Adjournment. We adjourned at approximately 9:30AM.