

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School – April 9, 2013 – PTA EB Meeting – Approved Minutes

Attendees: 16 board members

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm

- I. **President's Report:** Joy Heinze (Co-President) reported that:
 - a. **Journal:** The class pages for the journal are almost done. We're trying to get last-minute class trip pictures. Ad sales are in progress.
 - b. **June Enrichments:** A few things have been booked for June enrichments. These are either free or at a minimal cost. There will be 2-3 activities per grade.
 - c. **Field Day:** Field day will be for grades K-5. It will be determined which grades, if any, of the middle school will participate.
 - d. **Admissions:** We need parent volunteers for the admissions tour on 4/11.

- II. **Community Affairs:** Joli Golden (VP, Community Affairs) announced:
 - a. There will be a Town Hall Meeting in District 3 with the Chancellor.
 - b. There was a meeting of Parents' Alliance for Citywide Education (PACE) on 4/15. They discussed that 900 kids qualified with a score at 99 or above for only 300 K citywide seats.
 - c. The City Council committee is looking at Beacon space.
 - d. There is a CEC election coming up.

- III. **Grade Reps.:** Joy asked for feedback from the Grade Reps.
 - a. **Grade Surplus:** Helen Garey (6th Grade Rep.) asked about surplus funds for her grade. It was suggested that they keep it for the multiple graduation expenses, including graduation venue, picnic including T-shirt/sharpiers/subway sandwiches, parties, and trip.
 - b. **Kid Fit May 4th:** Wendy Reimer (VP, Parent Involvement) asked the Grade Reps. to send e-mails, asking for volunteers.
 - c. **Earth Day:** Pamela French (7th Grade Rep.) said we need volunteers for Earth Week field trips.
 - d. **Auction:** The auction will be earlier next year. There was a suggestion not to have events near the auction, and to try to find volunteers amongst your friends.

- IV. **End-of-year party:** Jennie Thompson (VP, Fundraising) spoke about the end-of-year party in the yard on the last day of school, which is a half day. It will be a community builder, which we will do with P.S. 452. We will have vans from the NY Parks Dept. to organize games and food trucks.

- V. **Green Committee:** Pamela French (7th Grade Rep.) said:
- a. **Earth Week:** There are several Earth Week activities for different grades: There is a bio bus for grades 4, 6, and 8. Grades 5 and 7 will go to the Brooklyn Grange. There is a Lorax movie for younger grades. We may do an Earth week newsletter.
 - b. **Recyclarium:** There will be a Recyclarium in May with a lesson for K-3, and other grades will visit it during recess.
 - c. **Waste-Free Lunch:** There will be waste-free lunch awareness to help educate the kids.
 - d. **Merchandising:** We would like bottles and containers. We may want to do recyclable Anderson bags made out of old T-shirts.
 - e. **Weather Bug:** We had a motion by e-mail to spend the Big Apple award on a Weather Bug, which would be expanded to serve additional grades. That vote was passed by the Executive Board via e-mail.
- VI. **SLT:** Mindy Wigutow (PTA Rep to the SLT) reported that the SLT did not meet this month. Amongst other things that will be addressed at their next meeting is the request to the budget committees to fund a school wide drama program.
- VII. **Budget Committee:** Wil McCoy (Budget Committee Co-Chair) relayed that the Budget Committee met and has one month to complete the budget to present in May, then vote on in June. The school administration is working on a plan to present to SLT, but the DOE won't release its budget until at least mid-May. Any PTA member who brings money in or spends money will be contacted to analyze year-to-date actuals and review projections for next year.
- VIII. **Yard Painting:** We will be closing the yard to do painting for 3 weeks. They will create a track, kickball diamond, and wall ball, and move a basketball hoop.
- IX. **Playworks:** We may lose Playworks as a vendor. Mr. Schleissman is working with them to try to keep them or find an alternative. Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) suggested doing some promotion about their services. Joy will talk to Mr. Schleissman, and will e-mail Pamela French next steps.
- X. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was circulated.
- XI. **Audit Report:** The audit was done. We reviewed it with the auditors and have a few remaining questions.
- XII. **Fundraising:**

- a. **Lorax Movie:** Julie Schiffman (VP, Fundraising) said she will be running this movie night on 4/26. They will have compost bins and other earth day considerations. Because it's close to the auction date, they are sensitive to keeping the publicity at a minimum.

- XIII. **Auction:** Some final words were given about the auction:
 - a. **Come!** We have fabulous teacher turnout, but we need word of mouth because attendance is down.
 - b. **Volunteer:** Wendy said we need more volunteers Sunday, especially anyone who can help pack up or drive items home on Saturday night. Pamela volunteered to do reconciliation.

- XIV. **Nominating Committee:** We will be taking nominations at the May general PTA meeting and vote in June.

- XV. **Adjournment:** We adjourned at 7:30pm.