

**P.S. 334 – The Anderson School**  
**PTA Meeting**  
**April 10, 2013**  
**Approved Minutes**

1. Attendees: [# to be filled in] parents
2. Minutes: The March General PTA minutes passed unanimously.
3. Principal's Report
  - a. Statewide testing in the next 2 weeks for grades 3-8. The tests will be more difficult; they are aligned with the Common Core standards
  - b. We are not sending our teachers to grade the tests. We will pay to avoid having to send them but will avoid having 18 days worth of substitute teachers.
  - c. The school has done very well in numerous competitions, including a national spelling bee and national chess tournament.
  - d. Our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders did very well in the High School process. 27 were accepted to Stuyvesant and 20 were accepted to Bronx Science. Many students had multiple schools to choose from.
  - e. Overnight trips are planned for grades 4,5, 7 and 8.
  - f. We are planning an Art Show in the auditorium.
  - g. Bridge evening is coming soon.
  - h. Please buy tickets for the middle school production of *Annie!*
4. Auction:
  - a. The auction is this weekend, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at Wallace Hall, St. Ignacius Church (Park Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street).
  - b. We need a van driver on the day of the auction.
  - c. Please stop by on the day of the auction if you have some time to help set up.
5. Green Team: Upcoming events to celebrate Earth Day
  - a. Planning a waste-free lunch
  - b. April 26 movie night of *The Lorax*
  - c. The Bio Bus will be at school on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades will be visiting the Brooklyn Grange rooftop farm on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.
6. SLT Update
  - a. There was no meeting of the SLT this past week.
  - b. Budget issues are expected to be the focus of the next meeting.
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish program is being reviewed because the Rosetta Stone program the school purchased last year doesn't work with the new computers in the computer lab.
7. Community Affairs:
  - a. Chancellor Wolcott is coming to District 3 tonight for a town hall meeting.
  - b. The DOE is working with the CEC on placing a new middle school in the Beacon school building.
  - c. Fewer kids qualified for G&T spots this year.

- d. 78 new schools, including many charters schools, are being formed this year.
  - e. The design for the yard painting has been approved. We are working with Greenflea to implement it with a minimum of disruption.
8. President's Report:
- a. The school, with the help of the PTA and other grant money, has purchased an enhanced weather station for the Anderson science program. The total cost to the PTA of this weather station was \$7000. \$4500 of this amount comes from the dedicated budget line for science/library spending. In addition, the Executive Board approved \$2500 to be spent from the "contingency" budget line item.
  - b. Notice was provided that there will be a vote at the May General PTA meeting to ratify this \$2500 expenditure by the Executive Board.
9. The Treasurer's Report was provided in writing. Questions may be addressed to the Treasurer.
10. Adjournment. We adjourned at approximately 9:20AM.