

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School – June 4, 2013 – PTA EB Meeting – Approved Minutes

Attendees: 14 PTA Executive Board members

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm

I. President's Report:

A. Minutes: The Executive Board minutes from May were passed unanimously.

B. June Enrichments: Joy Heinze (Co-President) reported that there are a number of enrichments planned before the end of school for every grade, including a Shakespeare Sing assembly for grades 4-7, a financial planner for grades 7-8, a trivia game show for grades K-8, and a drum circle for K-2. The 4th grade will be going on the Circle Line.

C. PTA Elections: There will be elections for next year's PTA Executive Board at the General PTA meeting on 6/11.

II. Budget: Reps from the Budget Committee met with Donna Smiley to review the DOE budget for next year and understand the issues. We have some needs for new teachers, an ESL teacher and a part-time special ed. teacher. We may have to cut other positions (such as librarian or music). And we may need to change the part-time math teacher to full-time for the 5th grade bubble class. We are still looking into Playworks.

III. Fundraising:

A. End of the Year party: PS. 452 decided not to participate, but we are inviting them.

B. KidFit was terrific effort!

C. Direct Appeal: Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) talked about the goals for end of the year and targeting incoming parents.

IV. SLT: Mindy Wigutow (PTA Rep. to the SLT) announced that

A. CEP: We met one of our goals – that students grades 2-8 participate in a competition: We had debate, math kangaroo, spelling bee, and others, and placed in many of them.

B. Science Committee: We participated in Science Olympiad this year. We want to participate at the junior level in the future. We want a Science Fair next year – for 3rd, 6th, and 8th grades.

C. Library curriculum: Learning leaders should be able to check books out.

D. Budget: Some parents think there are not enough Assistant Teachers. We have 15 full-time, but suggest 16-18, so we have a floater.

E. 5th grade bubble class: We have proposals on how to handle the challenges of the bubble class logistics.

F. 4th grade Spanish: We discussed options for 4th grade Spanish.

G. Outdoor Lunch Boundaries: We will be looking out for healthier, cheaper alternatives and may be moving the boundaries.

H. Dress Code: We sent out the dress code again to remind students to adhere to it.

V. Grade Reps: Grade Reps. were canvassed for issues from their constituency.

A. Bubble Class: We heard there are issues with parents in the bubble class feeling that their kids are getting gyped from some of the opportunities that other classes get.

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

A. G+T Admissions Lawsuit: There was a lawsuit 4 parents brought against DOE claiming that the G+T admissions process was flawed, including the sibling preference. It helped bring attention to the lack of G+T seats.

B. Politics: Bill DeBlasio has expressed interest in visiting our school.

C. Community Hearings: There are community hearings for the Beacon space.

D. Yard: The recess yard is on track.

Joy and Jeannie (Co-Presidents) thanked the Executive Board. We all thanked them for being great leaders. We spoke about the joys of volunteering and talked about doing video testimonials.

VII. Adjournment: We adjourned at 7:30pm.