

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School –
June 11, 2013 PTA General Meeting – Approved Minutes

Meeting came to order at 6:25pm.

Attendees: XX parents

- I. **Principal's Report:** Donna Smiley thanked the PTA on behalf of Principal Hyde and provided cake to celebrate.

- II. **President's Report:** Jeannie gave the report:
 - a. **Donna Smiley Award:** The Donna Smiley award went to parent Sarah Gardner.
 - b. **Special Thanks:** An e-mail was sent to thank the 8th grade parents. Others were recognized for their contributions to the school: Fabienne Peyrat, Robin Rosenblum, Paul Radvany, Sylvia Pereli, Jeff Natt, Claudine May-Gomez, Linda Hahn, Nancy Frigand, Audrey Forman, Chris Della Pace, James Della Pace, Judy Castello, Celeste Carlucci, and Jennifer Buckner.
 - c. **Minutes:** The May general meeting minutes were passed unanimously.

- III. **Budget:** Joy Heinze (Co-President) gave the budget report:
 - a. **Budget Submitted:** The report for current year spending and proposed budget was submitted. There may be amendments in September. The budget for next year is paid for by this year's fundraising, and is expected to break-even. New drama, music clubs will come back.
 - b. **June enrichments** were very successful so far.
 - c. **Chess** was renewed, but there was a request to increase the budget line. We may be able to pay for the increase with chess revenue.
 - d. **Playworks** will not be renewed, but the administration is working on alternatives.
 - e. **Vote:** There was a motion to approve the proposed budget, and this passed unanimously.

- IV. **Fundraising:**
 - a. **Direct Appeal:** Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) said we met the goal for the May matching campaign, and the raffle winners were announced. We have additional fundraising goals for the rest of the year.
 - b. **Fundraising:** We will be having a party on the last day of school. It's a free community building event, which we will do with P.S. 452. There will be mini golf, bouncy inflatables, and food trucks, but no water fights. The PTA will pay for it from money that was set aside.

- V. **SLT Report:** Mindy Wigutow reported that:
 - a. **CEP Goals:** We exceeded our CEP goal to have participation in academic competitions. Our kids participated in competitions in debate, science,

math, geography bee, scholastic art and writing. Some children placed in awards nationally

- b. **Science Committee:** Mr. Moy attended professional development. We are planning for a Science Fair for 3rd, 6th, and 8th grades.
- c. **Assistant Teachers:** We want more floaters to cover for assistant teachers when needed.
- d. **5th Grade Bubble:** The 3 classes in the incoming 5th grade was discussed at SLT, and the administration is still discussing alternatives.
- e. **Admissions Policy:** The SLT discussed the admissions policy.

VI. Elections: There was an uncontested slate, and it passed unanimously. The new board is:

PTA Co-Presidents:

Suzanne Kerr

Joy Heinze

Kori Stanton

Treasurer:

Nick Winter

Barbara Yam

Assistant Treasurer:

Erica Chan

JP Eggers

Anne Mittman

Budget Committee Co-Chair:

Wil McKoy

Vice-President Community Affairs:

Lynda Critelli

Joli Golden

Vice-President Fundraising:

Amy Davidson

Ilene Molina McGrade

Adrienne Ratto

Julie Schiffman

Jennie Thompson

Vice-President Communications:

Stuart Agtsteribbe

Gargi Gandhi

Vice-President Parent Involvement:

Wendy Reimer

Recording Secretary:

Kathy Sandler

Deborah Lopez

Grade Representatives

1: Dan Nemo

2: Anna Kovner

3: Mike Kim

4: Lauren Heymann

5: Lori Bloomberg

6: Joanna Brody

7: Jaleh Amouzegar

& Helen Garey

8: Pamela French

Parent Rep SLT K-4 at large:

Rina Cohen Schwarz

Parent Rep SLT 5-8 at large:

Deborah Lopez

PTA Representative to the SLT:

Mindy Wigutow

VII. Elections: There was an uncontested slate, and it passed unanimously. The Community Affairs:

- a. **Admissions Lawsuit Overturned:** There was a lawsuit by parents of children with perfect scores, who wanted to remove sibling policy, and this was holding up placement. The Judge said there was no cause for this case, and the DOE is moving forward.
- b. **Playground Renovation:** We should be moving ahead with the playground renovation this Summer.
- c. **School Building News:** The DOE seems to be looking at a Middle or High School to take the Beacon space and they are discussing the development of property at P.S. 199.
- d. **Wellness Room:** We are building a wellness room with the Reso-A grant. Kids will have access to it, and there may be an elective involving the space.
- e. **Security:** We applied for a Res-o A grant for security.

VIII. Adjournment: We adjourned at 7:10pm.