



December 18, 2013

9:00am

Attendance: 46 Members Present

Principal's Report

- Chess nationals 5th grade won 10th place, 2nd grade won 6th place.
- 4th grade is in their final presentation of the Nutcracker. Once completed they will go to see the NYC ballet perform The Nutcracker.
- This Friday is Compliment Day. The PTA has purchased white t-shirts for all the children and they will get a fabric marker to write compliment on the shirts. Parents are being asked to donate \$1 to help offset the cost of the t-shirts.
- During the cold weather the children will have outside recess so please dress your children warmly. The only time the children will not have outside recess is when it rains or snows or ice is in the yard.

SLT

- The Comprehensive Education Plan is done and has been submitted.
- Math Curriculum Connection was successful, writing Curriculum Connection is coming up on January 14.
- Girls Facts Night has been rescheduled to March 4th.
- The DOE has approved the replacement of the mats in the school yard, they will be replaced with soft squishy material.
- We really need to have a school zone sign on 21st Street. Corey Johnson will assist us in getting this done. Bicycle safety to be addressed, we want to make sure that bicycles know that this is a school zone and to ride with caution.
- We are working on possibly having an elevator installed in PS 11 in the near future.
- K&G: we wanted to implement a program that we found in California, however that program is not ready for New York so we decided to make our own.

Fundraising

- Annual Fund has raised \$170,000 to date.
- Kindergarten reach 50% participation and won the ice cream party for the Annual Fund Grade Challenge. The challenge will continue through January 15th--the grade to reach 80% participation will when a pizza party.
- Amazon has raised \$6,100 this year so far. Last year Amazon raised \$6,000, we have passed that mark this year, please continue to shop on Amazon and tell your family and friends.
- Comedy For A Cause is sold out. The online auction starts January 27th. Charity Buzz items are needed. This year we are trying Crowd Funding, the website is www.crowdrise.com.
- Spring Auction & Gala: Auction items needed, the donation forms are available online. Email PS11auction@gmail.com. Tomorrow morning we need help preparing and sending out thank you notes to last year's donors. Hopefully they will want to sponsor again. Flyers went out to let everyone know that we need sponsors. Alex Levi is the chair of the sponsorship committee.
- * Announcement during the meeting * Fairway Market has signed on to be a sponsor of PS11.

Volunteer

- Volunteers are needed for the Book Fair next week.
- Volunteers will be needed for the Coin Drive January 21st thru February 7th. Volunteers will need to take coins to TD Bank located at 20th Street and 6th Avenue. This is a one to two hour time commitment on any morning that you are available.

-The Young Artist program will run from February 4th through April 8. Volunteers are needed once a week to be teacher assistants.

-The Lost and Found is very well organized and has been running smoothly. Volunteers are needed any day you are available at 230pm to sort the items from that day.

Treasurer

-The PTA has approximately \$290,000 cash on hand. To date, we incurred approximately \$120,000 of school program expenditures. An additional \$530,000 is budgeted to be spent in the next 7 months. Making a donation to the Annual Fund is a great way to help support our programs.

Communication

-Please like us on Facebook, PS11 PTA, as there are things on Facebook that are not all sent by email. If you know any families that do not speak English please contact us so that we can reach out to them in their language and have them feel included in the PS11 community.

Sub Committees

-The Science Fair will be held January 29th 6:30 to 8pm. Gallery style in the cafeteria and is sponsored by the SLT. There are over 130 students participating. There will be three judges walking around giving constructive criticism. Although there will be no prizes as this is not a competition. We have a website and blog that is up and running.

-The Young Artist program will send out flyers January 13th, all forms must be submitted by January 17th. This is the lottery program. There will be 20 classes with about 200 students. We will send out a detailed class description via home folders and email by January 10th.

Meeting Adjourned 9:32am

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