

January 8, 2013 PTA Executive Board Meeting – Approved Minutes

Attendees: 17 Executive Board Members

We began the meeting at 6:15pm.

I. President's Report - Joy Heinze (Co-President) gave the President's Report, which included:

A. **K Rep:** Welcome to Ilene Molina, one of the Kindergarten reps.

B. **Minutes:** The minutes from the December Executive Board meeting were approved unanimously.

C. **Books & Beakers:** Funds raised in the past for the Books & Beakers initiative has been spent down. Items purchased included magnets and microscopes for the science curriculum, subscriptions, a gap analysis on where we're missing books, and an interactive reading program to help kids read faster.

B. **Scaffolding in the yard:** The wall with the mural on it needs pointing, per the NYC building code. This will be done by the NYC Housing Authority, and it will take 10 feet out of the school play space.

C. **Yard Painting:** The scaffolding will affect the planned painting of the yard, which we are doing with money from a RESO A grant. The Principal is meeting to draw up the plans.

C. **Anderson Banner:** An Anderson banner is planned for the gym.

D. **Audit:** There are items that were taken under school budget, including hospitality, which cannot be taken out of the school budget. Joy made a motion to increase the budget lines for teacher gift non-holiday and teacher appreciation to accommodate this. The motion passed unanimously.

E. **General Meeting:** The next general meeting will be in the evening on 1/15 at 6pm.

F. **Anderson Journal:** Joy is spearheading this. Christina Herman editing. We will hire an Art Director, but need a budget. Suzanne Kerr will still do the ads.

II. Direct Appeal: Amy Davidson (VP, Fundraising) reported that we did not meet our goal, but we brought in a good amount and are on track for the year. There is a matching campaign planned for post-auction. We still want someone to help with marketing strategy. We will send alumni notice about the upcoming homecoming game.

III. Financial Status: Nick Winter (Co-Treasurer) reported that we moved our accounts around due to the lapse of the Federal Reserve cap, and we are getting better rates. Nick will prepare the semi-annual report.

IV. Budget: Wil McCoy (Budget Committee Co-Chair) passed out the budget summary. We still have a surplus for this year's budget. There has been no resolution to the DOE NYC teacher's union about ratings. We updated the contact list for the contacts for each line item.

V. **Fundraising:** Jennie Thompson reported:

A. **Movie Night:** We are looking for someone to run a yet-to-be-finalized Spring Movie Night.

B. **Book Fair:** Maybe we can have a Scholastic truck during an event, such as KidFit.

C. **Party:** We will be having a community-building party in the yard.

VI. **Auction:**

A. Joy reported that there's an auction meeting tomorrow. We need donations.

B. We have a goal for the class projects to be done by the beginning of February – we need the Grade Reps. to help push that along.

VII. **SLT:** Mindy Wigutow (SLT Rep. to the PTA) reported that:

A. **Journal Projects:** The request for the journal projects to be done early came out of an SLT meeting and will be put in place.

B. **CEP:** The deadline for updates to the Comprehensive Education Plan is 1/31/13.

C. **Homework Subcommittee:** Teachers are working on this in the SLT.

D. **Speaker Series:** There is a subcommittee working on topics, such as anti-bullying, organization skills, cyberbullying, life skills.

E. **Goals:** We are working to align Social Studies and English.

F. **Teacher Gifts:** These were distributed.

VIII. **Community Affairs:** Joli Golden (VP, Community Affairs) said:

A. **Taste of the Upper West Side:** The Columbus Avenue BID will be paying for WITS for year ahead for the cafeteria. We'll forward info to parents about Taste of the Upper West Side to explain what we plan to do for the 3 days we lose in the yard. There are plans for sidewalk improvement, which is supposed to be done before the event.

B. **Greenflea:** The flea market contract is coming up for renewal. We would like to renew with the current arrangement, if possible.

C. **Sibling Policy:** We deferred the change for a year. There are issues of fundamental fairness due to new tests. PACE is planning an advocacy breakfast.

IX: **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm