

**January 15, 2013 P.S. 334 – The Anderson School  
PTA Meeting  
Approved Minutes**

1. Attendees: 19 parents
2. Minutes: The December General PTA minutes passed unanimously.
3. Tim Rodgers presentation on physical education:
  - a. The standards and curriculum for physical education in each grade can be found on the school's website. This includes the 7<sup>th</sup> grade health curriculum.
  - b. Grade-level focus for Physical Education is as follows:
    - i. K-2: movement, fun and active lifestyle
    - ii. 3-5: engaging monthly activities, such as the annual Quidditch tournament
    - iii. 6-8: fitness concepts in the beginning of the year, with tournament-based play later in the year
  - c. Height and weight of each child is assessed annually.
    - i. done behind privacy screens
    - ii. we use Fitnessgram program
    - iii. Children are compared to themselves year-over-year.
  - d. We are starting an afterschool intramural basketball program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
  - e. Playworks program is involving kids who aren't usually active at recess.
    - i. Playworks representative is here fulltime
    - ii. Sets up many games at recess and also periodically comes into the classroom.
4. Assistant Principal's Report:
  - a. The 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade musical presentation of Annie has been cast and rehearsals are underway. The show will be in May.
  - b. The computers for the computer lab have arrived. We now have 22 working computers in the lab, thanks to Reso A funding.
  - c. The bus strike is expected to start tomorrow.
  - d. The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade skating trip will go on, on Friday, as planned.
  - e. The building's lock down drill went smoothly.
    - i. The building response time was 4 minutes.
    - ii. Parents should expect 2 more such drills this schoolyear.
    - iii. The building-wide emergency response team meets 1x/month.
  - f. We have just started an 8<sup>th</sup> grade theater program.
  - g. Ballroom dancing for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will start soon.
  - h. Homecoming is January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. We will play boys and girls basketball against Hunter.
5. President's Report
  - a. We asked the school to spend "books and beakers" dedicated funding from past fundraising.
  - b. An analysis of Science needs was done and Mr. Moy received additional science equipment.

6. Budget Committee:
  - a. Motion approved to increase amounts for this year for assistant teachers, recess and the Architecture enrichment.
  - b. Notice was also given of a proposed vote at the February PTA meeting to increase budgeted amounts for staff appreciation this year.
    - i. DOE budget doesn't allow money to be spent on staff appreciation
    - ii. Increased amount will allow school staff to continue to have events organized by the school staff.
    - iii. PTA will continue to organize and fund dinner on P/T conference nights
7. Fundraising/Events:
  - a. The Auction is April 13
    - i. will have a 70s theme
    - ii. Auction reps are very active this year, asking people to seek donations
    - iii. January 30<sup>th</sup> is the donations deadline
  - b. The fundraising events team is looking for someone to organize a movie night.
8. The head of the Direct Appeal is looking for someone whom she can train next year to replace her the following year.
9. Community Affairs:
  - a. Our contract with the Greenflea market is up for renewal. We would like to renew with the current management, if possible.
  - b. Taste of the Upper West Side will be holding its annual event in our yard from May 30-June 1.
    - i. We are asking that the organizers work with local officials to have our streets closed off again, so children will have some space to play at recess.
    - ii. The organizers will grant \$10,000 to fund the WITS program for next year, pending a profitable event.
  - c. The Parents Alliance for Citywide Education (PACE) will be holding a legislative breakfast in February to meet with local officials and discuss PACE's goals.
10. Presentation by SLT rep
  - a. The SLT has recently reviewed the school's DOE-funded budget. Almost all of the money the school receives from the DOE goes toward teachers' salaries.
  - b. The SLT subcommittees have all met and reported their progress to the full SLT.
11. Adjournment. We adjourned at approximately 7:30pm