

P.S. 334 – The Anderson School
PTA Meeting
March 6, 2013
Approved Minutes

1. Attendees: [# to be filled in] parents
2. Minutes: The February General PTA minutes passed unanimously.
3. President's Report:
 - a. Parent Teacher Conferences are on March 12th. This is a half-day.
 - b. Anderson received a \$4500 grant from the NYC Urban League and Motion Sports to buy a new clock/timer in the gym.
4. Budget Committee:
 - a. Motion approved to pay an Architect's fee related to the redesign of the playground.
5. Fundraising/Events:
 - a. The VH1 Save the Music event in our building is this weekend. Please come!
 - b. Friday April 26th will be a movie night for the elementary grades. The middle school will have a movie night later in the year.
 - c. We are trying to schedule a year-end party in the yard with PS 452.
 - d. Auction
 - i. The auction is April 13th at Wallace Hall, St. Ignacius Church (Park Avenue and 84th Street). We continue to need donations.
 - ii. We are looking for volunteers to write catalog copy and do data entry.
 - iii. We need a truck driver on the day of the auction
 - iv. Tickets are on sale, the \$85 price is all-inclusive.
 - v. The online Bidding for Good auction starts next week
6. Green Team:
 - a. Campaign to eliminate lunchtime waste
 - i. reduced 16 bags of garbage at lunch to 3!
 - ii. decreased the rodent population
 - iii. the DOE is now subsidizing our non-styrofoam trays
 - iv. The Green Team is selling water bottles and sandwich skins to encourage "no garbage" lunches. All proceeds will benefit the PTA.
 - b. April events to celebrate Earth Day
 - i. still trying to arrange a visit from the Bio Bus and to have Syms Recycling send a recycling trailer
 - ii. events are meant to reinforce environmental awareness.
 - iii. encountering scheduling difficulties because of state testing in April

7. Community Affairs:
 - a. PACE recently hosted a breakfast with local elected officials about the need for more citywide G&T seats.
 - b. A block improvement project is being completed by the Columbus Avenue BID on Columbus between West 76th and 77th Streets. This project was approved by the local Community Board without any input from the schools in the building.
8. Presentation by SLT member
 - a. SLT is discussing whether the lunch period is long enough.
 - b. SLT is discussing how to handle next year's enlarged 5th grade "bubble" class.
 - i. In 5th grade, the children start moving from room to room throughout the day, this creates new issues with a larger grade downstairs
 - ii. How many rooms and teachers will be needed?
 - iii. What will we do about lockers?
 - c. June will be an enrichment month.
 - i. There will be at least 3 different activities for each grade.
 - ii. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, and on-campus and off-campus activities.
9. The Treasurer's Report was provided in writing. Questions may be addressed to the Treasurer.
10. Adjournment. We adjourned at approximately 9:30AM.