



THE ANDERSON SCHOOL (P.S. 334)
PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2014

Meeting came to order at approximately 6:15 PM.

Attendees: 11 parents

I. Principal's Report, presented by Assistant Principal, Rob Schliessman:

- A. Our professional development efforts have been going well. The units of study have included "giving feedback" and "student assessments".
- B. The Math team is very active and has been doing extremely well, receiving medals in a number of competitions.
- C. Our Middle School musical, Aladdin Jr. is March 14 and 15.
- D. We are building a peace tree to compliment community members.
- E. There will be a lockdown drill after the winter break.
- F. There will be an assembly on fire safety.
- G. March 11 is parent/teacher conferences. If your child is excelling in all areas, you are not required to attend.
- H. PLEASE return the DOE survey which will be handed out starting at conferences on March 11. We want 100% participation from Anderson families.
- I. March 14th is Pi day.
- J. Ballroom dancing for the 8th graders will begin soon.
- K. Preparation for state testing will start the last week of February. Our class schedule will not change. The ELA test will be April 1-3, and the Math test will be April 30- May 2.
- L. We have received a Reso A grant to enhance camera security in the building. The grant amount was increased from \$40,000 to \$80,000
- M. We are planning family Math and Fitness nights.
- N. Ms. Johnson will be leaving on maternity leave and we wish her the best.

II. Minutes: We circulated the December and January minutes but, lacking a quorum, we were unable to approve them.

III. Presidents' Report:

- A. Attendance at this meeting was disappointing. We discussed rationale for evening meetings which typically have weaker attendance. At this meeting, we weren't able to vote on any agenda business.
- B. Suzanne is reviewing the afterschool program contract. She is pursuing more sports and fitness activities, including at off-campus venues.
- C. We are working on enrichments for the school, including on computer coding.
- D. We are putting together a wellness elective which would use the fitness room and include cooking with WITS.
- E. The Rockband elective will be moved to be an extended day and afterschool option.

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- F. Bridge class is offered on Friday.
 - G. We purchased the Science equipment we needed.
 - H. The new copier requested by the administration was delivered. Parents do not need to make copies for teachers.
 - I. We are hiring an organizing consultant to give a class to teachers, kids in 5th and 8th grades, and parents.
 - J. Having Aladdin Jr. and the auction on the same day is presenting logistical problems for people who are involved in both. The times of both have been coordinated to work as well as possible.
 - K. We are organizing a KidFit community fun day.
 - L. We are undertaking a review of our bylaws, led by Suzanne.
 - M. Notice is given that we will be voting at the next meeting on approving up to \$22,000 for the purchase of computers and tablets for the school and to “replace” \$3,000 spent from the contingency budget line item for this purpose.

IV. Fundraising: KidCreate was very successful. The \$2000 profit will be used to purchase signs for each school that will go above the door to the building.

V. Auction:

- A. The auction still needs volunteers
- B. In the future, class auction projects will be funded by the PTA, instead of by each individual class.

VI. SLT

- A. The SLT has added 2 committees: an allergy committee and a multicultural committee.
- B. The school’s homework policy will be evaluated over the summer.

VII. Community Affairs- The director of Greenflea is retiring. Kori represents our school on the Greenflea board. The board is looking to hire a replacement for the director.

VIII. Treasurer’s Update: We are looking for a new auditor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15