



January 27, 2017

General PTA Meeting (Quorum Present)

Open meeting

Approval of minutes.

President's Report

- Discussion regarding the interim report – overall we are doing well; the interim financial report will go out to the DOE next week. We do have a small cushion of funds growing, to cover unexpected expenses. We will eventually post this to our website.
- Please be mindful that we will have PTA executive board elections soon, and there are many other ways to get involved. Including the CEC (Community Education Council) it's a two year term and the new terms start this summer.
- We are looking for a parent to assist with the Read-A-Thon.
- We have two new committees including a diversity action – to raise and address issues that are important to our community, including racial and economic diversity. And a health/wellness committee.
- The next PTA meeting is on a Thursday in the evening in February.
- The Dollar book fair raised approximately \$2,000.

Fundraising Committee

- We have been able to bring in more funding this year than we did last year but there is still a deficit – the direct appeal is still active and we've added more events this year for funding. One program we are paying for is the recess program – the group has started the evaluation process, where they are coming in to the school and seeing what is currently happening so they can start building the program.
- We have a new fundraiser coming this Saturday, February 4th is a camp expo. There will be over 30 camps there, and it's open to the community and please let everyone know to come out.
- The next large fundraiser is the auction. The direct appeal is still on-going, with the goal of building a reserve.
- We are going after the capital funding from the borough president's office – this year the president is into STEM, and so we have applied to the fund and hope that it will fund a STEM lab, we should find out in July if we've been awarded the money (it will be for an upgrade to the science room and computers).
- The auction will be March 30th and we are receiving items to be auctioned and are having a contest among the classes – it will be on-line so you can share it with your family and friends everywhere.

After School Committee

- Starting next month we will have online payments through a checking account (not through a credit card)!



- We also are encouraging everyone to read the afterschool policy. The musical is off to a start and going well.

Arts Committee

- Arts Day will be March 10th , there will be many residencies and we have great artist and assemblies lined up and it will lead to a talent show as well. If you want to participate as an artist please let us know.

Meeting adjourned.