Minutes – December 2012 General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date: December 19th, 2012

Meeting Start Time: 6:35PM / Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM

Meeting Location: PS/MS 278 Library

Translation was provided

We followed in detail the pre printed agenda. (See attached agenda for details)

Diane let the group in a moment of silence.

School Safety

* Both Ms. Guido and Ms. Reyes spoke in detail about our schools safety plan and the procedures that are in place. The procedures are approved by the NYPD. Ms. Reyes is the leader of the BLT (building response team) which does the building sweep, assigns an egress and alternate. Our school meets with all requirements of the amount of practice drills that take place throughout the year (8 drills by December / 12 by the end of the school year).
* They went over the Section 7. Emergency assignments, Egresses and Evacuation locations for our school.

All general membership voted/approved

* November 2012 Meeting Minutes
* Give the texting service 1 more trial month was also voted on and approved

Financial Report by Annie

* We have over 16K in our account
* Book Fair final results are TBD
* We raised $3,151 for our PTA dues/fundraising
* Discussed some items for our teachers wish list (Rosetta Stone for ESL / setting up a panel of teachers to discuss how to use i

pads in the classrooms

SLT Elections

* Frank Bradley spoke briefly about the importance of serving on the team and what it means.
* Sarah Polley was elected to serve
* We need one more participant to be elected on the SLT

Principal’s Report

* CEC De-Zoning update was discussed
* Ms. Guido spoke about Dr. Cairo being extremely pleased once again with our efforts as a result in funds for his continued research
* The school held another successful tour on 12/20. As of today, we have 39 applications.

Committee Reports

* Karen J gave us an update on the discresionary funding
* Sarah gave an update of the WITS Committee
* Cassandra gave an update to the Zoomba & Pilates Programs the Title 1 committee will be funding
* Frank B gave us an update of the playground roof status. Architect came to survey the layout and it is indeed a possibility to achieve. Next steps will be to look at the costs.

December Recap

* “Tuesdays at 278” concert was a success
* Retake Day – 12/17
* Box tops competition ended

Ongoing business / Volunteer Opportunities

* Parent Leadership Training with Josh Karan will not be happening at this time. We will revisit at another time.
* Ms. Gonzalez needs some assistance in the cafeteria
* Translating secretary elections in January
* Basement Clean up day in January
* Ms. Smith is always looking for volunteers in the library
* Formation of a Title 3 committee – funds from DOE for our ESL families