1. Call to order, welcome and sign-in sheets provided.
2. Reading/Approval of Meeting Minutes
* Minutes reading and approval possibly at the end of this meeting, only when time permits (which it didn’t).

1. Membership Votes
2. By-laws Change
* We want to move the PTA EB meetings from Tuesdays to Thursdays.
* The next incoming board can determine their own meeting day at transition.

Vote: Yes: 21 opposed: 0 abstain: 0

b) Title I Committee Family Engagement Event

* Cassandre informed membershipabout the event in general (Friday, March 18, 6-9pm). The budget line for this year’s event is $1200.

c) Food and Beverage Costs for PTA general membership meetings

* We want to expand the budget line for food and beverages at the general membership meetings by adding $800 to it.

Vote: Yes: 27 opposed: 0 abstain:2

1. President’s Report
* Annie lobbied for more parent support and engagement.
1. Treasurer’s Report
* Kristin walked us through the budget .
* The membership worries about losing Title I funds and frugality
* Walk-A-Thon: soon to be closed out and winners to be announced and prizes to be handed out.
1. Principal’s Report
* Tipps & tricks to avoid testing stress were provided.
* Idea for ‘after test amusement’ was brought up and may be something for the PTA to fund/organize.
* In case anyone wants to vote out of testing, the letter needs to be in before the testing starts. If opt out letter is too late, the test will be considered ‘failed’ if not taken.
* There is a new provider for the state test materials – Pearson is out.
* If you opt out, the child has to do a ‘black-line standard portfolio’.

RAFFLE: Winners: Rosa (#9), Kristin (#11), Erik (6)

1. Old Business
* Translation Services for PTA General Membership Meetings
* We do have a potential person for this simultaneous translation task in mind. To be updated later.
* Skipped
* Parenting Classes Spokesperson to discuss upcoming events
* There is a child development program on how to turn ‘bad behavior’ into good behavior and how to relate to your child even when you are stressed and how to better communication and how to teach responsibilities. This is run by Inwood Community Service (located right across from IS 52 on Academy off Broadway). Free of charge.
1. New Business
2. Calendar soon to be updated.
3. Upcoming Events
* We need volunteer support for the following upcoming events:
* SEM celebration (January 27)
* Career Day (February 3)
* Spring Fair Captains’ Meeting (February10)
* Movie Night (February 26)
* No Place for Hate Events
* Book Fair is coming up in March

SLT update

* Went through budget in anticipation of losing Title I funds.
* Homework load was discussed.
* Special Education, we are looking for ways to support our kids even better.
* SLT is open for participation to the general membership. An inc=vitiation was extended. Please contact Shauna.
* We have a great reading list by Mr. Peskie + Mr. Riley available on our website.

Wellness

* Great workshop on Food & Mood was had and made available on our website.
* Food policies are in place for class parties.
* The ‘Body Image Talk’ is coming up on February 4 (Allen Hospital)
* The Water Project was highlighted. Every child may bring their own container and refill it at our special fountain with filtered water.
* Musical Aladdin is coming up on Friday, January 22 (SEM Ms. Kaufman).

9. Additional Member Items

* Sharree suggested an adult function, raffle style (mentioned an event she attended named ‘Tricky Tray’.
* Cassandre suggested Yoga or Martial Arts (also, there are still volunteers needed for Family Engagement Night)
* Karaokee Machine? Maybe for those cold season indoor recesses? Probably more man power needed for this.
* Potential obstacle course, as seen in Y gym? Not enough space available.
* A person for movement was researched, but came in at $15.000 per year, was deemed too expensive.
* Showing ‘Roots’ as an alternative to the usual movies? Or documentaries? Alernatives?
1. Adjournment