**PS/MS 278 General Membership Meeting Minutes, 1/15/13**

**Meeting began @ 8:29am**

1. Meeting minutes approved
2. Financial Report
3. Additional Budget Lines

Library updating is necessary. We received grants and donations of $5000 and $2000 for software for Ms. Smith in the library and books for classroom listening centers. The $5000 would be put toward IPads with earphones and security. Thanks to Mark for the planning.

PTA general membership unanimously approved. Karen added that there s a grant application for hardware in the works. That could be as much as $5000 but could be less too.

1. PTA will front cash for Title 1 event. For Family Fitness Night Cassandre would like to give participants’ yoga mats and water bottles. The goal is to promote healthier family living. PTA general membership unanimously approved.
2. Texting budget line. The PTA general membership unanimously approved spending $270 for 9 months more of texting service. More effort will be made to roll out and push as we move toward June.
3. SLT Elections. The CEP is the place to be involved in the academic climate of the school unlike PTA. It is a consensus drive body rather than a voting driven body. The following people were nominated – Anina Young, Richard Tatum and Juan Moreiras. Maggie Velez declined a nomination. The general membership voted and Juan Moreiras was elected to fill the term vacated by Catherine St. John.
4. Principal’s Report. Flu symptoms in teachers and students are lessening. The bus strike kept 8 out of 60 bussed kids out of school on the first day of the strike. K-2 kids are entitled to full fare MetroCard as an option. Elementary school SEM trips are postponed and will be rescheduled. Thursday will remain SEM celebration day. This is last year Salvadori will be part of the school curriculum as the grant expires. Ms. Guido is looking into a possible Salavdori afterschool program. We talked about fundraising for it. Teachers are ramping up for ELA tests. Professional development is in the works. The school is looking into Singapore Math as a K-1 math curriculum. Safety plans for the school were discussed – evacuation – lockdown plan was practiced last week and this week. Teachers are talking curriculum and protocol with kids. Looking into security system as a capital improvement.
5. Committee Reports
6. 501(c)3 Fundraising Committee

I. Thank yous – giving receipts distributed

II. Medical Community Neighborhood Fund by Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. We asked for $5000 for the IPad listening learning centers.

1. Title 1 Committee
2. WITS Family Fun Night – Friday the 25th of January. Dinner burritos provide by Chipotle. There will 3 events – Super Soccer – Zumba and Yoga.
3. Zumba/Pilates Classes will be held in February. Tuesday classes for Pilates and kickboxing and Thursdays for Zumba. 12:30-1:30 are the times.
4. WITS Committee. The Ellie Krieger cooking class was a big hit. Learning Leader volunteers are still needed in the cafeteria.
5. Title 3 Committee. Mr. Klein to run ESL students in workshops that are academically focused. Help parents how to prepare for Parent Teacher Conferences. The night of PTC there will be math games for families who are waiting.
6. Gardening Committee. Junior Energy working on indoor classroom gardens.
7. Communication Committee. Texting program was discussed earlier
8. Rooftop playground is still in early development.
9. New Business
10. Movie Night is Friday 2-8-13 at 6pm. The movie is Brave?? Matt and Elena are coordinating the event.
11. Career Day is Thursday 2-28-13. Kristen explained that this is now a completely parent driven event as it overwhelmed the school staff with too much to do. Four ways to contribute to it. Help with scheduling. Participate by sharing career. Ask friend who have interesting careers. General volunteering from day of.
12. Visual Arts Showcase – unofficial planning meeting 1-21-13.
13. Tuesday 1-22-13 is Jazz Concert
14. Nominating Committee. Help recruit future executive board members and create a ballot.
15. Old Business
16. Box Tops for Education Winners were Ms. Paytner’s class and Mr. Myint’s class.
17. Basement Cleaning/Planning Day. Try for March 9th

Meeting adjourned at 9:29a