Meeting date: September 21, 2012

Meeting start time: 8:30am

Meeting place: PS/MS 278 Library

Translation was provided

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

Budget Approval

* There was a brief discussion about increasing the amount lined for the Kindergarten Moving-Up party.  It was then agreed upon that this is a living document and if need be, the budget would be increased/voted on to accommodate unforeseen costs.

All general membership voted/approved

* June 2012 minutes
* 2012/2013 budget
* Texting service @ a 2 month trial period for $30/month

6th grade Family Fun Dance

* Set up, objectives of the event and a call for volunteer positions was made

Ms. Reyes gave the Principal's report with a focus on the Progress Report for 2011/2012

* ELA scores surpassed city schools by 46.9%
* Math scores are in top 10% of all city schools
* Ms. Reyes also noted that although she and Mrs. Guido are pleased with the scores, there is still much room for improvement
* Individual test scores will be ready for parents to view within the next 1-2 weeks

We discussed on-going initiatives and September volunteer opportunities including

* + Picture Day
  + The Walk-A-Thon
  + The Gardening Committee
  + The Playground Committee
  + The Visual Arts Showcase Committee

We announced that the PTA has a new computer, our new website (that Juan and the website team have been working on) and that the Secretary will start to keep our financial records electronically through Quickbooks.

Mrs. Gonzalez made an announcement about the Robo-calls (technical issues) and the training dates for this semester’s Learning Leaders training.

The PTA thanked Elena Rodriguez for translating the Bi-Laws into Spanish and announced that they are now posted on the website.

The membership was asked to give their feedback on Back to School Night and the PTA promised to ask Mrs. Guido to streamline the agenda and communicate the schedule more clearly next year.

Karen J. went over discretionary funding and gave everyone a 501(c)(3) update and a discussion took place regarding how we decide what discretionary funding avenues to chose.

We announced a new initiative to have monthly 278 coffee hours and a leader will be tapped at the next EB meeting to head this initiative.

Frank Bradley talked briefly about the School Leadership Team, what serving on the team means and when the next elections for SLT will be held.