

January 27, 2017- PTA meeting

Minutes were read and approved

Representatives from the China Institute spoke about the programs and classes that they offer and encouraged all families to visit.

Stacy presented the Treasurers' Report-

Run 4 Knowledge numbers are being finalized

Photo Day \$4152

TBPC: \$1500

Square 1 Art: \$4000

Bookfair: \$3351

Merchandise: \$2600

Seasonal Sales: \$9100 (Halloween Dance & bake sale)

Miscellaneous: \$4152

Clothing sale: \$803

Annual Appeal: \$122,259 matching \$20,000

Expenses: \$19,000 (music, curriculum enhancement)

\$20,120 staff development

\$3390 playground assistant

A vote was help to increase the budget for Staff Development from \$35,000 to \$50,000, vote passed.

Ellen gave the presidents' report-

The bylaws committee is working on a first draft.

Three members are needed for the audit committee.

In order to add an additional day of Chess, an additional volunteer is needed.

Volunteers for the International Potluck Dinner are needed to plan and organize the event.

Volunteers are needed for the library for the remainder of this year and the pta is looking into hiring a person to cover some hours for next year.

The SLT discussed the school's snap shot (report card) at their last meeting. The report was very good for our school and it's available on the Dept of Ed website.

Ronnie gave her principal's report-

There was an all day visit from the Superintendent this past week and it was very positive. She loved all of the work on display throughout the school. This is a mandatory visit of all 48 schools in District 2. The main comment given to Ronnie was that the tone of the school was amazing. It was a very good visit.

There will be a Quality Review this year. It happens every 2-3 years, it's a 2 day process and it's very intensive. It involves many class visits, conversations with Ronnie, and it's given with 2 weeks' notice. 10 indicators are graded. There is a parent meeting, teacher meeting and a student group (taken at random).

Report cards are being sent home on wednesday to report mid-year progress of children.

The Alvin Ailey dance group performed yesterday and it was an inspiring performance. The children really enjoyed it. Our 4th graders are working with Alivin Ailey dancers in dance class on a Night Creature performance.

Upcoming performances will be listed in the Tuesday News and all parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Manhattan Youth has agreed to pay for a majority of our auditorium upgrade. They will pay for 100% of the equipment (\$21,000) and we will pay for the labor (\$11,000). The cost of replacing the curtains is \$8000 and a vote was approved to pay for those (there is money in the budget for it under Capital Improvements). The job will take 5 straight days and Ronnie was trying to secure a date on the calendar. The goal is to get the job done before the Talent Show.

Tuesday, Feb 14th will be the Valentine's Day bake sale to benefit the 5th grade graduation.

The Talent Show will be run via Eventbrite.

The Book Fair will be the 1st week of March to coincide with conferences.

The auction will be April 4th at the Dream Downtown. Volunteers to seek donations are needed.