



Minutes of the January 17, 2017 Meeting

Opening & Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.
- December 2016 minutes approved.
 - Note made that, as reflected in the minutes, at the December 2016 meeting, a report was made that the Silent Auction netted approximately \$17,000. This report understated the amount earned. The true net was approximately \$43,000.

Call For Bylaw Amendment Requests

- PTO Board will seek to amend the bylaws this year. Invitation extended to members to bring desired amendments to the Board before the March meeting.

Principal's Address

- Report on Quality Review
 - Dep't of Ed reviewers recently completed PS9 quality review
 - Review score significantly improved over prior reviews
 - There is still an achievement gap to address – some of the review is based on student testing, where there is room to improve
 - Discussion re: whether opting out of testing results in lower average scores for the school
 - Principal D'Avilar will present additional information at the next PTO meeting.
- Whole Child Network Presentation -- "Supported Tenet"
 - Next month's presentation will be on ensuring that children are challenged

Discussion re: Testing Trips

- Trip planning for this year underway
- Discussion that trip planning for 2017-2018 school year should start in May 2017 with new class liaisons
- Document being created to guide the process in future years

Budget

- Fundraising events
 - Nutcracker – school raised approx. \$2,200; PTO concessions \$600
 - Upcoming:
 - Star Wars movie night



- Valentines Day dance
- Jazz Night
- Annual appeal
 - Raised approximately \$87,500 in December 2016. About \$6,000 behind prior year at the same time.
- Budget requests
 - Increase voices of dance budget from \$300 to \$400 to cover cost of DVD production – approved
 - \$1,500 for Border Crossers for parent workshop – approved
 - \$1,200 for Jazz Night fundraising event costs such as advertising - approved
- PTO expenditure report reviewed and approved
- Budget Priorities Discussion:
 - Presentation to be made at next meeting on project to review PTO and school spending priorities with an eye to helping direct a more focused budgeting process in the spring
- Query re: 5th Grade Trip at Club Getaway. Request made for detailed information on costs of trip.

SLT Report

- Working on budget issues, bylaws, CEP, and class-level assessment

Community Reports

- Wellness Committee is being revived
- Housing lottery information session upcoming

Community Education Counsel Report

- Maggie notes that CEC elections are upcoming and it would be good for PS9 to have a voice on the counsel
- It is anticipated that with opening of Atlantic Yards, there may be some re-zoning of District 13 schools in next few years.
- Invitation to PS9 community for interested persons to explore running for election. Commitment: 2 meetings per month (planning session and calendar session with public agenda)

Meeting concluded at 8:24 p.m.