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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, December 19th, 2023

HYBRID

Minutes of PA Meeting

Board members in attendance: Renee Ming (Co-President) Ilana Haas (VP), Lindsey Sweedlund (VP), Rachel Bialik (Treasurer), Marina Tasopoulos-Chan (Secretary)

Quorum was achieved. Approximately 16 parents were in attendance.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:39pm by William Lee and Michael Spencer.

Approval of November General Meeting Minutes: The November 2023 minutes were approved by Renee Ming and Michael Spencer.

Principal's Report: Ms. Koatz-

The administration wishes everyone the best for the holidays and the New Year. The children have had fun with Spirit Week. We are looking forward to the Winter Concert on December 20th. Winter Recess is from Dec. 23 – Jan.1. Please be sure to fill out the Intent to Travel form if your child will be missing school days.

Attendance: As part of the Every Student Every Day Initiative, Class 403 had the best attendance for the month of November. Each month, students with 100% attendance (including no latenesses) will receive pencils.

State Testing:

- There will be a parent workshop in January led by Ms. Koatz and Ms. Helman about the 5th grade science exams. Date TBD.
- 5th graders will be doing CBT (computer-based testing) simulations for the math (January 17th), ELA (January 19th), science exams (January 22nd).

- 5th grade parents should use the Nextera Question Sampler at home with their children. <https://ny.nextera.questarai.com/tds/#practice>

Upcoming events: Our first Marquis Studios performance (4th grade Hip Hop Dance Showcase) will be in December.

Treasurer's Report – Rachel Bialik

The income and expenses from the past four months was presented. Income and expenses for the month of November were gone over in detail. The annual appeal was also discussed.

Update on recent and upcoming events:

Author Visit: This month, author John Patrick Green visited 3rd graders.

5th Grade Committee: The fifth grade committee is currently asking for parents to submit pictures and is collecting dues.

World's Fair (International Night) Committee: Our first committee meeting was held. We are currently seeking volunteers to host countries and looking for cultural performances.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Cards for a Cause finished this month. There will be a restaurant fundraiser at Tuscan Hills on January 11th.

Vote on Proposals:

Website update: the motion was passed by the PA body to fund \$600 an overhaul of the PA website

Community announcements: the motion for Ying Lai to make community service announcements at PA meetings was passed by the PA body.

SLT update:

Parent workshops were held for the new ELA and math curriculum. There was also a school safety town hall. Theater Arts has resumed. The new sensory gym will hopefully be ready by February.

Our school has been preparing for computer-based testing. Children have been enjoying the Typing Club program. Fifth graders have been gaining familiarity with Questar, the online testing tool.

Question for the SLT: Will the program for 5th grade helpers be brought back?

Non PA Community News:

The AEI group announced their meeting for December 21st at 8:00pm. Their email is parentsforAEI@gmail.com.

Q & A

We are still in need of a crossing guard at dismissal time.

Adjournment – 8:12 pm by Sudchai Spencer and Giovanni Ruffini

