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General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ms. Elizabeth Cruz, at 7:09 PM. There were 12 parents, all four Executive Board members and seven staff members in attendance. The quorum was met. The membership and guests rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: December/January's meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were accepted as presented by the membership.

President's Report: Mrs. Cruz reviewed what the PTA has sponsored over the past few months and what's planned for the future: In December- Penguin Patch Holiday Boutique, Winter Showcase (1st grade), visit from Santa and plush snowman gifts (grades K-2), January-Winter Concert showcasing grades 3, 5 & 8, February-Valentine's gift sale, PJs & Popcorn Movie Night (K-2), March-Lucky to Have You Dance (grades 3-5), April-Parent Date Night (on 4/24), May-Spring Fair, June-Talent Show (grades 6-8)

Guest Speakers: Ms. C. McMorrow, *K-4 Guidance Counselor*, along with Mrs. Mirando, presented the Yale RULER District 8 initiative.

Ms. Shaoul, *Special Education liaison and teacher*, and Ms. Liamzon, *Individualized Education Plan teacher*, presented *Student with Disabilities* criteria for promotion which changed this year. Passing grade is now 65%.

Ms. Russian, *Test Coordinator, Data Specialist, Academic Intervention Services programs*, presented the New York State Testing Overview – Test Dates: ELA- 4/11 & 4/12, Math: 5/1 & 5/2. We did not meet the AYP (95%), we reached 93% last year due to 3rd graders for Math and Students with Disabilities who opted out of taking the exams. 60 students across grades 3 – 8 did not take the exams last year. Students will be placed in a level 1 bucket and may miss out on Academic Intervention Services if they refuse the test this year because there won't be test data to see where they are.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Mirando spoke at length to clarify the importance of taking the state exam. There will be more opportunities to hear about the exams, e.g. Coffee & Conversation and a workshop.

Old Business: School Leadership Team parent member – uncontested, Jennifer Mahoney
Budget Committee: Antoinette Lomonaco, Mari Bonilla (along with Executive Board members)

New Business: Parent Survey – you have a voice, surveys are going live on March 3rd, there are prizes, come in to school to complete your survey: 3/3, 3/7, 3/15, 3/20. There is a benchmark-we were below 30% last year – we need to raise that.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Mrs. Distefano, reviewed the report of funds to date.

General Discussion: None

Door Prize - \$25.00 Applebee's gift card won by parent Lazhar Mertah

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes taken by and prepared by Jasmine Ausanio, *PTA Recording Secretary*.