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Meeting minutes

November 16, 2022 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

In Attendance

Attendees: 64 people including below

PTA Executive Board: K. Craig, E. Allen, M. Pinto, R. Gunness, A. Shum

SLT: L. Pavone, K. Craig, R. Gunness, A. Naing, H. Aleysain, J. Walsh

School Admin: L. Pavone, D. Rombone, E. Montalvo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by K. Craig.

Approval of October 2022 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting were approved..

Introduction of PTA Board

K. Craig, E. Allen, M. Pinto, R. Gunness, A. Shum

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented. Revenue from Gala discussed.

Upcoming Events

Turkey Trot and new school merchandise – November 19.

Giving Tuesday \$78 for 78 – through November 29.

Winter Wonderland, including *new* toy drive - December 3.

Picture retake day - December 12.

Class Parents still needed for 101, 201 and 203..

Important Dates

Important dates for November and December were presented.

November 24 - 25 - Thanksgiving - No School.

December 26 - January 2 - Winter recess - No School.

Ways to Contribute

There are many ways to support PS/IS 78 while you shop, including: Amazon Smile, Minted, Shutterfly, FlipGive, and Book Culture.

Please ask employers about donation matching, Alex Shum can assist with any questions.

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Parent of the month

Ruzana Wilkins was presented as Parent of the Month for November in recognition of her frequent volunteering at school events. Ruzana is always willing to help with all jobs, setting up, clearing up, and helping out whenever needed. Thank you Ruzana for all you do for the school community.

Principal's Comments

L. Pavone gave thanks to all those who contribute to the school community. He highlighted Kelly Craig and school families.

New programs starting in school soon, including Studio in a School art, 8th Grade writing workshop, Middle School after school basketball.

SLT

J. Walsh spoke about the SLT meeting that took place on November 4th. Discussed accelerated learning in Middle School. Discussed Living Environments Regents and possibly an additional regent. Discussed hydroponics lab: funding is being secured by K. Craig, SunWorks presented plans for the science room and measured it for proposal. Discussed crossing guards, an additional guard is needed for ECC building.

Questions and comments

Principal Pavone answered questions:

- School field will be closed for a full renovation. Dates of closure are not yet known but may start some time in February. Principal Pavone will communicate further details when he has them. Principal Pavone highlighted the need for a dedicated school playground which was unfortunately not provided when school was built.

- Parent highlighted the importance of families to discuss with their children treating fellow students with kindness and respect while at school to help prevent any children from feeling discriminated against or targeted while at school.

Proposed a workshop for parents to help educate on how to discuss these important issues with children. PTA is already working on putting together a workshop on this subject planned for early 2023.

- Parent highlighted bad language occurring out of school time and off school property. Principal Pavone and the PTA stressed that these issues are taken very seriously while children are at school and students can go to administration, school counselors and teachers to discuss these issues. The school, however, has no control over what happens between students after school has ended and off school grounds.

Student of the Month Presentation

Students of the month were presented for their achievements in the value of RESPONSIBILITY.

Meeting Adjourned

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Meeting was adjourned by K. Craig at 7:26 p.m.