

## **PTA Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2016**

Call to order – 7:07pm

Bree thanks all for coming.

September meeting minutes approved.

Genevieve and Jaclyn could not attend the meeting tonight.

### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:**

Lets parents know that there was a mistake from the school when sending home letters for students of the month for both September and October. In November we will be honoring Student Council. Letter will be going out.

Thanks the staff for being here tonight.

Regarding the garden, former teacher

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades did river studies at the Hudson river during Science class

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day

Also Team Up Tuesday, we are one of the middle schools that will be a part of it. Police will be coming in. They'll be using social media which kids are so good at. They'll address all the harm and good things regarding it.

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Fall Festival

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Writing Celebrations

K-1<sup>st</sup> Grade (8:20-9:00) & 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (9:05-9:45)

Children can wear costumes for Halloween, Monday, 10/31 if they wish.

No masks, no pretend swords and or weapons.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Half Day Dismissal at 11:30am

Parent Teacher Conferences

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Election Day and Chancellor Conference Day. No School.

We are about to start student council process soon. Please let children know that they have to be nominated by students.

## **SLT REPORT:**

Esther – thanks Mr. Pavone

Looking into program for United Nations and our school to participate in

Cultural issue – application we need signatures

Community board – working on closing off 49<sup>th</sup> Avenue or 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue for children to play there for recess

Problematic for us to cross streets when using parks, not environment we want kids to be exposed to.

Many concerned parents with recess have written a proposal that all children need at least 20 minutes per day. Proposals about shifting day around and periods as well.

Possibility with recess – parents that have been busy doing this schedule change have papers you can pick up from them at the end of meeting and also petitions you can sign.

Lack of teaching a foreign language – school needs and is looking for a certified teacher for 5-8<sup>th</sup> grades

Please reach out if you know someone

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

So far we've raised \$13,000 and we believe it's been a successful year.

Bree:

We've raised almost \$4,000 from COFFEED event and besides that most donations have been coming from very generous parents.

We are looking at an outside service – Kids Orbit will cost lots of money (\$40,000 per school). With lower school the problem is not having space, middle school can get more children out at once.

The other part of that is Learning Leaders and we are working with Mr. Pavone to start this and get training again. Volunteers will be needed for 2 periods a week. They can be a parent or grandparent of children in school.

Fall Festival – please sign up volunteer sign-up sheets found in the back of auditorium.

**Shi cocktail event – Thursday, November 17**

Some parents were concerned with all supplies not in classrooms – that’s all settled now

Class parents – if you can still volunteer please do so.

We still need 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade class parents

Comment (parent of 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) - People should have a special purpose fund – maybe recess for kindergarten parents

Parent commented that they were never informed what Student of the Month is.

Pavone’s response – letters went out to all children that were SoM and it’s also on bulletin board in lobby of both buildings

Parent comment – She would like it if Learning Leaders was more flexible if possible

Miss Morgan introducing Students of the Month

September was Effort

October is Responsibility

**QUESTION OR COMMENTS**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm