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Meeting minutes

January 8, 2025 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

In Attendance

Attendees: 57 people including below

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

SLT: R. Gunness, H. Aleyasin, A. Mantzarlis

School Leadership: J. DiRoma, E. Montalvo

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by K. Craig. The minutes from the December 2024 PTA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented. See slide for more details.

Upcoming PTA Events

January

- Photo Retake Day and 8th Grade Cap and Gown Photos - January 15

February

- Valentine's Bake Sale - Thursday February 13
- Read-A-Thon - February 3 - 17

Picture Retake Day and 8th Grade Cap and Gown Photos

Picture retake day will be on January 15, the 8th Grade Cap and Gown Photos will also be taken on the same date. Parent volunteers are needed at both school buildings, volunteers are especially needed at the ECC building. If you would like your child to have their photo retaken on January 15th please email your class teacher. Please note that 8th Grade Students should come to school dressed ready to have their graduation photos taken, caps and gowns will be provided on the day by the school.

Read-A-Thon

The annual school Read-A-Thon will take place from February 3rd - 17th, it is open to all students from K - 8th Grade. Please visit [BIT.LY/PS78READATHON25](https://bit.ly/ps78readathon25) to register, registration is open now. Individual winners for the most minutes read and the most money raised will receive gift cards, the winning class will have a pizza party for the class, parents will be invited to the celebration, and there will be a trophy procession and the trophy will remain in their classroom until the next read-a-thon.

Valentine's Bake Sale

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The Valentine's Bake Sale will be held on Thursday February 13th from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm outside the Middle School Building. Volunteer bakers are needed, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/EQiqBxS>.

Important School Dates

- Monday January 20 - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - schools closed.
- Wednesday January 29 - Lunar New Year - schools closed.
- Monday February 17 - Friday February 21 - Midwinter Recess - schools closed.

Principals Report

Ms. DiRoma gave the principal's report. She thanked everyone and congratulated the Students of the Month. Ms. DiRoma highlighted many upcoming events including the Kindergarten Open House, 8th Grade Cap and Gown photos and photo retake day, and the new Hydroponics Lab opening and upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony. Ms. DiRoma discussed that the state tests this year would be computer based for grades 3 - 8. There will be a simulation practice test to ensure the children have had experience of the test and that the school is prepared with the necessary technology. The elementary school basketball team remains undefeated, and tryouts for the middle school basketball team will be coming up soon.

SLT Report

Hossein Aleyasin gave the SLT report. At the SLT meeting that took place on Friday January 3rd the computer based state tests were discussed. The school has tested the bandwidth and devices to ensure that everything is prepared. As already discussed by Ms. DiRoma, there will be a practice test date. The 2nd Grade students will be going on field trips on test days. Letters will be going out to students not at grade level with graduation in doubt, this is intended to allow for a plan to be put in place to improve grades as soon as possible. Applications for PreK and Kindergarten follow a priority of zoned children with a sibling in the school, followed by all zoned children. Renzulli enrichment is starting soon for Kindergarten to 8th Grade.

Questions and Comments

None.

Student of the Month Presentation:

Kindness.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 7 pm by K. Craig.