

EVANS PARK PTA
“TOGETHER WE CAN”
January 10, 2018
Meeting Notes

Formal:

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome
- Approval of minutes from November meeting – Sheila Cory & Holly Gallet

Old Business:

- Parent Visitation Day, November 14th – great day, kids love seeing their parents in the building
- Thanksgiving Feast, November 21st – thank you Laura Woodward; feast went well, thank you to all the volunteers
- Family Math night, December 6th – very successful, could have used more volunteers; all the games played during the night can be found free online (www.tangmath.com); teachers have been using the monthly challenges
- Holiday Boutique, December 7th and 8th – thank you Marisa Mahoney; so fun watching the students choose gifts for their family
- Winter Concert – thank you Ms. Nixon; two sessions made the event less crowded, grandparents and other family members were able to attend.
- Winter Celebrations, December 22nd – celebrations were in the classrooms; thank you to all the class parents and volunteers; thank you Sheila Cory for setting up teacher and staff gift collection

New Business:

- Harlem Wizards –
 - spirit assembly rescheduled to January 12 – students should wear their class colors
 - Fundraising event Saturday, January 20th at Dominican College – online and paper tickets are sold out, 70 will be added Friday
 - 50 Wiz Kid jerseys are available
 - The program has ad space for sale – thank you Katy Carpenter for organizing the program
 - 55% of the tickets sales and 20% of souvenir sales are given back to schools
 - The cost of the gym space is divided by three
- PARP – “Reading Through Time”
 - Begins January 26th and ends February 16th
 - Class celebrations and spirit day will be February 9th
 - Three week celebration of reading
 - January 26 is the kick off celebration
 - Students will receive a packet with letter describing activities
 - Teachers will send letter home asking for parents to read in the classrooms

- Author visit – author has not been chosen; signed copies of books will be available
- Ends with a play written and directed by Tom Price on February 16th
- Book Fair –
 - Runs January 31st – February 2nd; February 1st at 7:00 pm is family night
- Girls and their Special Guy Dance –
 - Friday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm
 - 3rd and 4th grade girls
- Family Bingo –
 - Friday, March 2nd
 - Flyers will be going home soon

School Board Meeting Report –

November 14, 2017 meeting:

- An anonymous donation was made to the softball team, they purchased equipment bags for \$980
- The Franklin Avenue PTA purchased an 8' x 24' climbing wall for \$7756
- Superintendent's report:
 - Attended the Veteran's Day recognition day at EP – students met veterans
 - Several teachers in our district participated in the Polar Bear Plunge
 - PR Rotary visited our schools delivering their message of “serve above self”; dictionaries were given to all the 3rd graders
 - During Superintendent's Conference Day, the HS teachers developed profiles of a graduate – what are important characteristics of a PR graduate, habits of the mind, what areas they need to strengthen. Elementary teachers attended writing workshops, MS attended workshops to learn and create using technology.

January 9, 2018 meeting:

- Sue Wheeler and Quinton Van Wynen are retiring from their administrative positions
- Five teachers from the middle and high schools are retiring
- District submitted next round of plans to the state to improve exterior of our buildings

PAC Meeting Report – *meeting was cancelled due to snow day*

Principals Report: Ms. Lynch

- Students were able to go outside yesterday and today for some fresh air; space on black top is limited because of snow
- Month of PD for teachers – EP is hosting a representative from BOCES who models lessons and works with teachers
- Teachers have reported hearing some 3rd and 4th graders not liking or wanting to read; in house issue being researched and addressed
- Using additional aid, Ms. Smith's class will receive island and stools style furniture

Treasurers Report: Andrea Wooster

- Charleston Wrap earned \$2100
- Holiday Boutique – is not a fundraiser but made \$235
- Meal Deal at AJ's made \$100
- Just received a check from Box Tops for \$456
- Shutterfly gives 13% back to school, earned \$178

Open Forum – Questions – Comments

- Two parents asked about a “lunch bunch” their children were asked to participate in. Ms. Lynch explained it's a social skills group and parents will be notified
- Parent asked the difference between the two EP Facebook pages – Laura explained
- Parent asked if shrubs or a privacy fence can be put up along Blauvelt Road – Ms. Lynch responded it isn't something she's ever asked for; another parent mentioned it's also good to be able to see the older children who hang out on the playground during non-school hours
- A parent commented about the lack of communication regarding the PTA events; there is often a gap between the days teachers send home flyers and class parents send emails, some events are time sensitive; some parents are not on Facebook. The board added that the PTA website posts upcoming events, spirit wear, and tiger tee days. Any suggestions on how to improve communication are welcome.

Meeting adjourned by Ms. Lynch & Brain Campbell

Next meeting February 7, 2018 at 9:30 am