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**PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, January 20, 2020 6 PM in the Auditorium

APPROVED AT February 13, 2020 Meeting

- I. Call to Order
  - Co-President Ms. Daria Kim called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.
  - A QUORUM was established.
- II. Approve Minutes from November 2019 PTA Meeting
  - A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on December 19, 2019 was made by Ms. Daria Kim. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Josh Weinberger. The minutes were passed unanimously.
- III. President Updates
  - A. Ms. Polimeni reported about the recent PTA-funded purchases of fourth grade test prep and fourth/fifth grade residencies (NYHS and Liberty science center).
  - B. WITS: Broccoli and Cranberry salad
  - C. Library and Tech lab construction updates
  - D. Sensory path installed - pta funded, other installments of it are coming too.
- IV. Principal Update

Principal Mastriano welcomed and addressed everyone. She reported

  - New custodian Ms. Judith G. has started working in school.
  - Renovation of the tech lab has started
  - Library - A new contractor coming on board, new custodian on this.
  - Ms Asencio will be out for a few weeks but PE is still happening
  - Next week coffee talk
  - February 5th ELA overview
  - February 11th Math overview - Math expectations for 3rd, 4th and 5th
  - February 14th Science Fair for Grades 3rd to 5th
  - March 13th Science Fair for Grades Kindergarten to 2nd
- V. Parent Coordinator Update - Deb Markewich
  - Younger kids (siblings) going to Kindergarten next year, the deadline for application is January 21 2020.
  - District is not doing ELA math state test overview
  - Report cards are going to parents on January 24, 2020
- VI. Teacher Update - Mr. James Fama, Chapter leader at PS 166
  - Thanked everyone and expressed his appreciation for all the efforts put in by everybody for making PS166 school experience

- Happy with Chromebook towers that came in
  - Ms. Stephanie, Ms Moses, Ms Stern thanked everyone for their efforts and spoke about the efforts they are making to make the kids get a better education.
- VII. CEC Update - Ms. Kim Watkins, President of CEC addressed everyone and reported the following
- CEC constantly working towards making district 3 better.
  - Ensuing discussions about gifted and talented admissions and testing, high school admissions and testing and so on.
  - Town hall meetings. Schedule is posted on the CEC website. Next meeting is Saturday, February 29th at 11 am on the elimination of G&T.. Share your thoughts in these meetings.
  - Middle school admissions and tests
  - Ms. Christine Loughlin is now the Permanent D3 Superintendent
  - Having a sister school will help support schools that need help.
- VIII. PTA and Committee Updates:
- A. Fundraising - Mr. George Skelton reported that we have reached 75% of the target. Same position as we were last year at this point in the year. The attention now is on Auctions, parent matching will be done later. Thanked everyone for their donations.
  - B. Treasurer - Mr. Kolb addressed everyone and spoke about the major fundraising events.
  - C. Grants and SLT - Ms. Savov reported about the grants she is working on.
  - D. Volunteers and Events - Ms. Annalisa Petersen reported about Movie Night: Abdominal and Toy Story will be played simultaneously, you can choose. Link for volunteers and donations will be coming in Deb's emails and class emails.
  - E. Green Committee - Mr. Josh Weinberger reported a successful coat drive, lego program, and garden residency. Compostable cups and plates will be used whenever possible at events. Got compostable popcorn bags too for movie night. Wednesday May 13th, Family Fun Fitness Night in school where you can with your kids do karate, dance and so on encouraging movement, Spring garden day April 5th. Thanked everyone for donations and the time they give to school.
- IX. Upcoming Events
- A. Lice Check: Tuesday, January 21st
  - B. Movie Night: Sunday, January 26th, 4:45pm
  - C. Auction: March 21, 7:00pm-11:00pm - Co-Chair, Amie Ray - one of our top fundraisers, we are taking donations, please suggest any restaurants you know.
  - D. Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 8:30am
- X. Adjourn
- Next meeting is on January 16, 2019. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary