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January 13, 2020 PTA Meeting Minutes

Formal

- Meeting called to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Principal's Report from Mrs. Cool
 - *We finally had the winter concert on the 2 hour delay day. We weren't able to do the sing along because of lunch but we're working on something special for the spring.
 - *Our two district technology coaches trained staff on Clever (a single sign on app) and also hosted a Google Showcase of new apps and extensions that can be used with students.
 - *Some classes invited families in to share their family holiday traditions.
 - *The Sip and Stroll was cancelled due to weather and the district closures.
 - *Polar Express Day went great! Thank you to the PTA for the hot chocolate. Central office administrators and the Director of Athletics, Artie McCormack came to punch tickets. There's a You Tube video link on the Lincoln Ave social media.
 - *Keri McAleer, PRHS Senior, painted the Inquiry Lab for her Girl Scouts Gold Project.

*Last Tuesday night (1/7) Mrs. Stone's class presented at the Board of Ed meeting. They put their creativity to work after reading the book Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Thanksgiving Day Parade Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet by creating their own Macy's Day Balloons and filming a parade using their amazing balloons, iPads, and a green screen. Mrs. Stone's son Ryan, who is in fifth grade did all of the narration for the video since it truly was a Thanksgiving project and we just ran out of time to do our own narration.

*"Winter Art Show Without Walls" ~The children's artwork is being displayed in the Pearl River public library, central office, and the school all month.

*PBIS Assembly is this Thursday. We are continuing the Bucket Filler Express Train theme with the letters I, J, K, L

*Report cards will be posted on January 29th on the Parent Portal.

*Mrs. Cool is training staff on the features of the new Parent Square app.

*Science 21 training for K,2,3. Ms. DiMenna is part of a group of teachers in the state that is writing the 4th grade science curriculum

*Students took a School Climate survey in the spring of last year, the beginning of this year and will take again at the end of the year (in grades 3 & 4). Mrs. Cool has been meeting with all of the 3rd and 4th graders in small groups to follow up with them. We had some really positive results and are looking to expand some of our ideas and get more student voice.

*Tri State: Administrators belong to quarterly study groups; the organization is a Critical Friends group who visits different high performing districts throughout the year. The teams that visit are made up of teachers and administrators. Mrs. Cool visited Scarsdale in December for their visit on Response to Intervention (RtI). Visits are three days and there are interviews with staff, students, and parents as well as review of evidence/artifacts. They will come here next year and look at math and metacognition.

*New York State math standards are changing and will be implemented next year. We have staff going out for training on the new standards and their implementation. They have been working in district level groups on math as well.

*Work continues with the Gravity Goldberg group - our literacy consultant for the district

*Thank you to the PTA for the Thanksgiving Feast help, Holiday Shoppe and Holiday Boutique

- Treasurer's Report
- PAC Report
There will be a trial breakfast program in the Middle School and Franklin Avenue. If it goes well, it will be in all schools. \$2 for full price breakfast.
The Middle School needs presenters for their Career Day
The High School needs volunteers for Project Graduation
Next year's school calendar is being worked on and school might start before Labor Day

Old Business

- Thanksgiving Feast went great. Plenty of volunteers.
- Book Fair
- Holiday Boutique was a big success and we plan to do it again.
- Holiday Shop went well. Kids enjoyed shopping.
- Held a Seat and Parking raffle for the winter concert. Proceeds go to the playground committee
- The Door Decorations were great. We increased their budget so they can have what they need. There will be more in the spring.
- We made a few different trips so the hot chocolate would be fresh and warm for each Holiday Party
- Holiday gifts for Faculty & Staff
- Luigi's fundraiser
- Chuck E Cheese cards fundraiser
- Yankee Candle ended Jan 8th
- Holiday Craft Club and Nature Club ended in Dec.
- All events held were hugely successful. Thank you to the volunteers who donated time and energy toward making these events happen!

New Business

- Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Luigi O'Grady's this week 1/13-1/17
 - Dom To Go 2/19
 - Let us know if you have any new ideas for Community Nights!
 - St. Patrick's Day Spirit Wear - will take orders in late February and plan to have orders in before St. Patrick's Day
- PARP is coming! 1/24-2/14
- BINGO scheduled for Friday, February 7th; be on the lookout for a flyer and information on how to order pizza/tickets - pizza orders are due by January 31, 2020
- Student events:
 - Boys Event is scheduled for March 6th at High Exposure - Flyer and order form will be out soon
 - Girls Event is scheduled for April 3rd
 - More details to come! Save the dates for these extra special events!
- Guest Bartending Event/Tricky Tray
 - Plans are in the works for this event in the Spring (possibly Thu 4/23 but date is not yet confirmed).
 - We will begin asking for guest bartender volunteers as well as donations for items as part of our tricky tray. If you are a small business owner and would like to raffle off items or know of any organizations/businesses willing to do so, please contact Danielle Conway.

Next PTA Meeting March 16th at 7pm