

April Board Meeting

The Board meeting of PS 133 was held @ 8:30 am on April 8, 2009. The Board members in attendance were Heather Milata, Gail Whelan, Barbara Dorcean, Lisa Benevento, Jenny Maharaj, Joselyn Smith –Greene, Carol Cannova, Darlene Guglielmetti and Ms. Steppel.

There was a discussion about the Scholastic book sale which will be held the week of May 18th. The May General Pta meeting will be held during that week also to allow parents to purchase additional books. Elections for next years' executive Board will also take place at the meeting.

The Board voted to cancel the Family Fun night due to low participation.

The PTA will be supplying pretzels and water for the field day which is being held on May22. The Pta will sponsor the Staff Appreciation lunch on June 9th. It will take place in the indoor gym. The Spring sale will take place on May 7th and 8th. Volunteers are needed.

Ms. Steppel asked the Pta to get the word out to parents to turn in the surveys. A small percentage has already done so. She presented the update on the construction. The workers will be working on the stage during the break as well as completing the air conditioning in the lunch room. The units will be in for the auditorium also.

Ms. Steppel also informed the Board that PS 133 has received Title 1 status. This means that the school will be getting additional funding from the Federal Government. It is a significant amount of money. Title 1 status is based on the number of families eligible for free and reduced lunch. Previously a school would qualify if 60% of students were eligible, now the percentage has dropped to 40%. She would like to get the word out to parents that this qualification does not necessarily mean that the neighborhood is changing in social status. There will be a vote on how the additional money will be used. It can be used strictly for the academically neediest students or it can be used for all students. There are guidelines as to how it should be used. There will be a vote at the April General Pta Meeting. She also informed the Board that 13 schools in District 26 have now received Title 1 status. It is for a 2 year period beginning Sept 2009.

The next Board meeting is May 6th @ 8:30 am