

## April Minutes of the Pta of PS 133

Bill Robinson presided over the April General PTA meeting on April 23, 2009. He reminded everyone of some important dates coming up. May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Spring Boutique. Gifts for Mother's and Father's Day will be available for the children to purchase. The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on May 18<sup>th</sup> and run through the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. All books will be half priced. The end of year PTA dinner dance will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 11 pm . It will be \$50 per person. It is held at Plattsdeutsche. The next General meeting will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a financial planner speaking . The elections for next year's PTA board will be held.

Ms. Steppel also spoke at the meeting. She informed all in attendance that PS 133 has received Title 1 status. Title 1 status is based on free and reduced lunch eligibility. The guidelines have changed and we are now eligible. The school will now receive additional federal funds. The money can either be used for the academically failing students in which nothing has to be done. This is the default plan. The money can be used for the education of all students in which case a vote has to be done by both the staff and the parents. Ms. Steppel stated that the staff has voted unanimously in favor of a school wide program. The parents voted at the meeting 27 – 2 in favor of a school wide Title 1 use of funds. The money is guaranteed for 2 years. It is a predetermined amount per student who is eligible for free or reduced lunch. There are guidelines put in place as to how the money has to be used. A percentage has to be used for professional development and parental involvement. Ms. Steppel stated that her goal is to maintain the services now in place and add others as well, depending on whether or not the school receives and budget cuts .

Ms. Steppel also spoke of the ongoing construction projects. The lunch room is now air conditioned. The auditorium is going to be wired for air conditioning shortly. The units are already in. The auditorium will also be repainted shortly. A new computer room is also coming in the very near future.