

P.S.133Q

PTA Executive Board

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

The Executive Board of P.S. 133Q met on October 8, 2008 at 8:30 am. In attendance were Heather Milata, Gail Whelan, Bill Robinson, Lisa Benevento, Carol Cannova, Jenny Maharaj, Joselyn Smith-Greene, Darlene Guglielmetti, Shelly Steppel and Marianne Sheridan.

Gail opened the meeting by talking about her meeting with The Presidents Council. She was pleased to announce that again this year our school got an A on the school report card. We were the 2nd highest grade in District 26. Gail explained how the grade is calculated – 60 % is based on student progress from 1 year to the next (which can be problematic if you are at the top because there is no way to go up), 25% is based on ELA and math state tests performance, 15% is based on attendance and on parent surveys. Mark Weprin spoke about the fact that the school governance contract expires in 09. Anyone on the board can attend the meetings but they cannot vote at them.

The agenda at the next PTA meeting will include representatives from the Girl scouts and Boy scouts programs. Also there will be someone from The School Construction Authority speaking. Hopefully there will be a lot of parent turnout. Carol and Lisa will be the hospitality people (they will set up and break down at the meetings). There will also be raffle.

The Harvest Sale is coming up soon and there was a discussion about whether it should be held in one or two days. It was decided that 2 days is better in case some kids forget their money they can have a 2nd chance to participate. The pumpkins will be delivered Wednesday. The sale is October 23 and 24 .Lisa Benevento is taking care of all the details. Jenny will make flyers for distribution. There is a need for volunteers and calls will be made to those parents that signed the volunteer sheet, particularly Kindergarten parents.

Lisa stated that the candy sale is over and it looks like there were a lot of orders. The pie sale has begun and the pies will be distributed on November 20th.

Family Fun night is tentatively set for December 5th. The details are being worked out.

Scholastic book sale will be held the week of open school Nov 17- 21. The books will be delivered on November 14th. Heather is working on confirming that they are delivered during school hours.

The status of International Night is up in the air due to the construction in and around the school. Ms. Steppel will have more information after speaking with The School Construction Authority.

The money from the box tops and Campbell's labels will most likely be used to buy nerf balls for the kids to use outside at lunch time and before school.

Ms. Steppel explained that she needs to give the construction workers a block of dates that they can work on the new auditorium without having to constantly stop and clean up. It will get done faster if they can just keep working. She is meeting with them to work out a schedule. So, Talent Show and International night might not be a possibility this year. An alternate site was talked about for the performances, but she is not sure if there can be children practicing in the building when the workers are here and they start at 3:30 every day. There will also not be a fall program with Ms. Mesh for the older grades (3, 4 and 5), but they are starting a musical theater program for them with someone new. The 3rd grade has already started and there will be a performance on Dec 17th. Ms. Steppel anticipates the auditorium will be all done in time for graduation. The lighting is being upgraded, the curtains are being replaced and the chairs are being replaced with permanent seats.

Ms. Steppel said the school pictures seemed to go well with the new company. It was organized and well run. Depending on how well the pictures come out there may be a spring photo as well.

Parent teacher conferences will be on Nov 20th in the afternoon and evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.