

General Meeting September 29th 2009

Motion was made to officially open meeting at 9:19am by Laurie Tesauro and Yolanda Caputo.
Cecile welcomed everyone to the first Parent General Meeting of the 2009-10 school year. Cecile introduced herself and the rest of the executive board and asked for the floor to read and accept the minutes from our previous meeting which took place in June.

Motion to accept minutes by Marie Renna
Seconded by Laurie Tesauro

Cecile spoke briefly about the Chancellor's Regulations (A660) and reviewed and discussed the school website in which parents can go on-line and view the minutes for our monthly meetings.

Cecile reviewed and discussed the proposed budget for the 2009-10 school year.
Motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Yolanda Caputo
Seconded by Julie Rubino

Cecile reviewed and discussed the proposed Fundraiser's for the 2009-10 school year.
Motion to approve the proposed fundraiser's was made by Laurie Tesauro
Seconded by Marie Renna

Karina gave the Treasurer's report
Opening Balance as of June 16th 2009- \$6,817.93
Deposits- \$5,969.23
Disbursements- \$8,918.02
Ending Balance as of September 29th 2009- \$3,869.14

Cecile reviewed and discussed the monthly financial reports
Cecile reviewed and discussed the calendar and upcoming events
The grade Tees for grades 3 & 5 will take place on Sept 30th 2009.
Grade 1 will take place on October 1st 2009, Grades 4& 2 will take place on October 7th 2009. Letters have already been sent home informing parents of the date, time, and the rooms that the grade Tees will be held in. The grade Tees are a wonderful way for parents to see first hand what their child/children will be learning throughout the school year.
Cecile advised that Josephine will meet with a rep from Worlds Finest Chocolate sometime in October.

Our first Executive Board Meeting for the 2009-10 school year will take place on October 6th 2009 at 9:00am.
The first Presidents' Council Meeting for the 2009-10 school year will take place on October 8th 2009 at 8:00 pm at P.S. 97 Cecile reviewed and discussed Presidents' Council.
There is no school on October 12th 2009
The next Parent General Meeting will take place on October 20th 2009 at 9:00am in room 111
Fall and Graduation Picture Day will take place on October 21st 2009. Notices will be sent home informing parents.
The first C.E.C. meeting for the 2009-10 school year will take place on October 21st 2009 at 7:30pm, as of now the location of the meeting has not been set. Cecile reviewed and discussed C.E.C.
Our annual Halloween Bake Sale will take place on October 29th 2009 in room 111 during lunch hours. Notices will be sent out school wide informing parents.
The annual Halloween Parade will take place on October 30th 2009. Students in grades Pre-K through second are

allowed to wear costumes to school. Students in grades 3-5 usually participate in a class themed costume. Parents are welcomed to come and see their children march in the Halloween Parade. Notices will be sent home informing parents.

Cecile discussed our weekly snack sales which helps to pay for the Orton Phonics Program. Cecile advised that the P.A. is no longer allowed to sell weekly snacks that are not DOE approved, and although we have in the past sold healthy snacks, we will not begin weekly snack sales until we receive further clarification from the Superintendent Of the District.

Ms. Kaplinsky was introduced. Ms. Kaplinsky thanked everyone for coming to today's meeting, and discussed tonight's Community Board Meeting to discuss the edible garden that will hopefully soon be constructed in the school yard of P.S. 216. The meeting will take place at the Performing Art's Center in Kingsborough Community College, and hopes everyone will attend to support it.

Cecile also spoke about the edible garden, as well as the Robin Hood Library. Cecile informed the floor of all Ms. Kaplinsky has done to improve P.S. 216. In addition, Cecile discussed the Science Lab. Cecile advised that Councilman Doninic Recchia gave a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to have a state of the art science lab built.

Cecile reviewed and discussed Leadership
Cecile reviewed and discussed Title "1"

Ms Karas (school nurse) was introduced. Ms. Karas thanked everyone for coming and discussed procedures for sick students.

Committee discussion and sign-up sheets were handed out.
Cecile asked if there were any questions. There were none
The P.A. raffled off 3 fall items.

Motion to adjourn Meeting at 11:01 am by Laurie Tesauro
Seconded by Doreen Roman