

**Museum Alliance for Science and Technology
P.S. 154 PTA - General Membership Meeting
Friday December 11, 2009, 9:00am
Multi Media Room**

Welcome

PTA President, Deb Capone opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and then gave an update on PTA Committee work:

Capital Projects

The **downstairs bathrooms** are beyond fixing and need major renovation. Deb is working on appealing the SCA's decision to fix the downstairs bathroom and is working together with the school administration to get money from politicians to fund the work on the downstairs bathrooms. The plan is to hit up the City Council for funding and involve the Department of Health. The other bathrooms in the school have flushers that are very difficult to operate. So far the school used discretionary money to replace the 1st floor flushers. The improvement is amazing. However, money is needed to replace the 2nd and 3rd floor flushers. The cost at this point is \$330.00 per flusher. Research will be done to seek a lower price. **Sound proofing** in the lunchroom: Originally, the lunchroom was a storage room for the school. The acoustics are very bad and cause people to scream in order to be heard. A sound engineer has been in to consult on this issue and has recommended the installation of acoustic panels to lessen the intensity of the sound reverberations in the lunchroom. The decibel level measured at "distress level", slightly worse than standing outside the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel. The acoustic panels being recommended would be vertically installed. Sound proofing is expected to cost \$18,000.00. A concert event is being discussed in order to raise money for covering some of the costs.

Upcoming Events

- Chorus and Band performance, Wednesday night, December 16th
- School Store, 3:00 - 7:00pm
- Music Matters: January 21st, Big Jazz and Blues Jam with a warm-up preview of Old time music
- Movie Night: January 22, 2010

Budget Update:

Our new treasurer, Diane Bromberg addressed the meeting. Apologies were made for slow check turnaround. Thanks to the Grandparents Campaign for raising \$3,600.00 in donations so far this year. The PTA drive has so far raised \$5,000.00. Most events have brought in the anticipated income and the Boo Bash brought in \$2,000.00 extra.

School Leadership Team and Assistant Treasurer Vote

A brief discussion on the importance of the SLT took place. A vote was taken on new SLT members and the Assistant Treasurer of the Board.

Miscellaneous

An Update on enrichments, Meet the Author, and School Concerts was done. A date has been reserved in February for the school-wide ice-skating party. Auditions will start in January for the school production of Pinocchio.

Deb will be meeting with Brad Lander's wife who has offered to help PS 154 go through the 501C3 status application process.

The meeting came to a close at approximately 8:00pm. The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 6:00pm. Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Altman