

**Museum Alliance for Science and Technology
P.S. 154 PTA - General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2009, 6:30pm
Multi Media Room**

Welcome

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

- Free \$: Go through the PTA website to access Amazon and One Cause, www.PS154pta.org
- Translation Committee headed by Co-President, Chris Werben
- The Grandparents Committee is almost ready to launch their fundraising campaign to organize grandparents to sponsor programs and donate money to PS 154.
- Gardening Committee
- Caring Community
- Social Studies
- School Leadership Team (SLT) Got Talent Committee: This committee's purpose is to harness parent talents to share with students that in some way correlate with the curriculum.
- Capital Projects: Three main areas of focus: The downstairs bathrooms, sound proofing in the lunchroom (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.), and re-designing the MMR space. 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.

Upcoming Events

- Movie Night: Friday, November 13th, Pinocchio
- Music Matters: Native American Inner-tribal Singers/Silver Cloud Singers, November 17th
- Winter Fest: Saturday, December 5th, the theme is "Toyland" and there will be a variety of kids' entertainment and performances, a well organized silent auction, and many crafts and activities. Volunteers needed to bake, set-up, assist at crafts tables, PTA table, food sales, and baked good donations are also needed. Contact Nicole Bilu-Brier or Emily O'Connor.
- Breakfast with Santa will be held the morning of the Winter Fest

New Parent Coordinator

Diana Plunkett introduced herself in her new role and expressed her vision of her position as helping parents in the community get their needs met and to effectively bridge communication between parents and the staff and administration of the school.

Budget

Diane Bromberg reported that the Boo Bash grossed about \$5,200.00. Deb requested recommendations and volunteers for the co-treasurer position. Kathy Lewis volunteered to run as co-treasurer.

The Learning About Multimedia Project (the LAMP)

DC Vito, Executive Director and Katherine Fry, Ph.D. Education Director spoke this evening about LAMP, their mission and programs. The LAMP is a non-profit community service organization started two years ago to educate families through workshops and events as well as panel discussions on topics such as Commercials and Advertizing, News and Reporting, Exploring Images and Video and Exploring Digital Life. The organization was formed to combat the corporate world's attempts to sell their products by scaring parents. Their goals for families are "Cyber Wellness" and "Media literacy". You can get more information by going to their website at www.thelampnyc.org. Please let the PTA know if you would like to see the LAMP bring some of their programming into PS 154.

The meeting came to a close at approximately 8:00pm. The next PTA meeting will be Friday December 11, 2009 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Altman