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Minutes for the Parent Association Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016
MS 181 Cafeteria @ 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: PA Executive Board members in attendance were Ana Gonzalez, Christine Brown, Ralph Romano, and Lorna Akabogu. Absentee PA Executive Board member – Lorene Singleton.

Welcome: The PA President Ana Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:38p.m. She welcomed the parents to the PA meeting and introduced the Speakers for the ELA/Math Workshop.

November Minutes was approved by Betty Mendez. Seconded by Rosalind Elson.

ELA: Presenters: Ms. Jennifer Kirrane – AP and Ms. Kathryn Hyland – Literacy Coach.

Parents were given handouts and the Presenters explained the school's goals in "supporting and motivating students to read". Methods used are: "On Target", Myon Reading Site – www.myon.com, NEWSELA – www.newseia.com. They shared types of rewards the school has put in place to encourage students to read (celebration of the participating students, stickers, etc).

The Presenters went over the NYS ELA Exam Overview. Explaining the formats of the questions, where parents can find past questions (<http://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-state-common-core-sample-questions>), and RACE routine to use at home to help the student learn.

All students have access to the ELA Coach and a laptop in the classroom.

Ms. Kirrane introduced the Math Department. She apologized for the absence of Mr. Kouvatso – AP, she explained that he was preparing for his wedding.

Math: Presenter: Ms. Sullivan – Math Coach (handouts were also given)

- Clear expectations for each student was made known to parents.
- Learning targets & assessments were explained.
- AM tutoring by invite only, and parents are allowed to reach out to their child's teacher if the child was not invited.

At the end of the Workshop, Resources were given out to all parents in attendance. Each student will earn an extra credit for parent participation in the

workshop. Forms were given to parents to sign up for the two free books from NYC Reads 365.

Ms. Kirrane reminded the 8th grade parents in attendance to return their completed High School Application. Due date – December 1, 2016.

Any Other Business

The PA President informed parents of the upgraded School's website. The Parent Association has their page and parents can now have access to consent forms, calendars, minutes/agendas and information on different events.

Appreciation went out to parents and children for making the Bash to be a success. The PA President called for constructive feedback to help the PA improve on their next one – The Valentine's Bash.

Picture Day was successful. Ms. Ana Gonzalez (President) and Ms. Singleton (Vice) were at the school to direct the picture taking.

January 5, 2017: 7th graders are invited to visit a college through the program College For All. College For All will also be invited to speak to parents about college matters.

Financial Report: The Treasurer Mr. Romano gave his report:

Started November with \$3,609.00 and currently has a balance of \$4,101.00

Parents were encouraged to support the PA by donating a suggested amount of \$15.00 though any amount is acceptable.

Title 1: Ms. Monica Collado, Chairperson informed parents of the upcoming events, e.g. CPR, Improving Communication and the Intrepid Museum visit. This will be achieved with the Budget of \$5686.00.

Ms. Nicole Roberts won the two tickets for AMC movies raffled out by the Parent Association.

Adjournment: The Meeting ended at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorna Akabogu
PA Secretary