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Minutes for the Parent Association Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2017
MS 181 Cafeteria @ 6:30 P.M.

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

Welcome: The PA President Ana Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. She welcomed the parents, minutes and agendas were distributed as the parents signed in. The PA President introduced Tessa Martin from the Leadership Program to facilitate the Workshop on "Building Family: College Search".

College Search Workshop: The Aim: What can I do to assist my child in the college search? The Presenter Tessa Martin engaged the parents and their children in different activities by asking guided questions. She explained the importance of parents and children been aware of college access.

Approval of Minutes: December 2016 minutes was approved and accepted by Ms. Nicole Roberts and seconded by Ms. Claritza Roach.

- Other Matters:** The PA President, Ana Gonzalez informed the parents of the following:
1. **Selected 7th Graders** participating in College Awareness Day will be visiting colleges.
 2. Valentine Dance scheduled for February 17th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold by Ms. Russo on behalf of the Parent Association for \$12.00 per child. Parents were invited to volunteer as chaperones for the Dance.
 3. Mr. Warnock the Principal will pay for all the 8th graders to attend the Dance for free.
 4. Picture Retake will be January 25, 2017.
 5. Gourmet snacks fundraiser will be sent home as soon as the package is delivered to the school.

Parents were reminded that PA meeting is held every 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Parents were also encouraged to donate to the PA. Previous donors were acknowledged and thanked for their donations. Parents and children were invited to enjoy the refreshment provided by the Parent Association. A gift was raffled out by the PA to conclude the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorna Akabogu, PA Secretary