

PTA Meeting
January 17, 2014

1. Administration Report – Ms. Eve Litwack

- New school's chancellor – Carmen Farina – her values are aligned with ours. (a good friend to District 15) more parent involvement, more teacher training and development, focus on middle schools,
- Next week is G&T testing – K, 1 and 2. (Pascale) letters went out Monday.
- Next week – vision screening for K and 1 students (Dept of Health); Diane, Tara and Vivian are being trained to screen upper grades
- Exemplars – Deb Armitage – coming to work with teachers Tues and Wed. Deb Armitage – K 1 and 2 session for parents 6:30 pm on Wed. Jan 22.
- Together in Dance – ? what dates? –
- We are having a Quality Review in May 12 and 13. Superintendent walks through building, looking for Parent team to talk about how things are handled in school, teachers, students; how collaborative we are in decision-making. A good thing. We get a grade. Anita Scott.

2. Parent Coordinator Report – Ms. Heather Damon

- doing a great job with lice – record low #! Next Lice check after Feb break.
- Middle School – 5th graders going on interviews – June 3rd 4th grade parents middle school meeting – info you needs
- School Surveys coming out after Feb break.

3. PS81 Program – Change for Kids –

- pilot program. Acting as a PTA for schools that don't have the kinds of resources we have in our community.
- Literacy tutoring.
- Story Pirates
- Cheryl Parker in attendance – Principal of PS 81. – house 5 shelters– in heart of projects. We move children – our resources limited because of the transiency. We see growth and change. Tried for Robin Hood grant, but they were not distributing \$. So our library is depleted. Feel free to come visit – Thursdays 9 am – noon. ! Always open to ideas.
- we want to start partnering – bring programs and resources to PS 81.
- drive in Spring – April 26 – gathering books and supplies and “change” – helping kids in community close by. Most kids qualify for free lunch.

4. **Presidents Report – Alyse Dosik**
 - Ice Skating Event – Mon Jan 27th – \$10/pp with skate rental, \$7/pp if you bring your own skates
5. **VP Community Events – Carey Dalton**
 - Valentine’s Day Dance– Feb 13th – Thurs – family event – lots of activities. We need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS and RAFFLE Items. Toys, etc. Things kids like. Volunteer – sign up for when you can. Sign up Genius.
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6. **VP – Events – Julia Austen–Brown**
 - Auction – March 14th – Fri – \$75/pp now before they go up. PS107.org/auction. We need donations. We are using Handbid, an app to streamline bidding process. We’ll send email out to everyone with information on how to sign up. Will also be really awesome food – 5 local vendors – like an international – tacos, new Italian place owned by Mimi’s people. Live music, DJ, cheap bar! Doug Cuomo and David Ephross – live Jazz (PS 107 parents)
7. **VP, Green and Healthy – Stacey Petruzella**
 - Café Day – Jan 30th – A bean theme
 - compostable tray RFP put out by city – PTA will not have to spend \$2000/yr that we spend now for trays. And Park Slope getting u
 - CSA team working
 - Working on Garden
8. **VP, Fundraising – Angela Kurzawa**
 - next gear sale Feb 7th – will be a sale.
9. **Treasurer’s Report – Lauren Cooperman**
 - one awesome \$. We have over \$6000 in corporate matching.
10. Tom Foley will present our school with 2,060 from X-mas tree matching.
11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Learning Friends** – Susie Jen – we need 8 more volunteers.
 - b. **Math and Science Day** – Architecture and Engineering theme. STEM is key to this country’s future. A MATH tech room, Green Roof program, talking about Arch and Engineering at all levels. PLEASE donate baked goods. A fundraiser from school. PS 81 welcome!
 - c. **Math Kangaroo** coming up – a night event. 6:30pm. Tracy Peel or check website.
 - d. **Beast Relief** – Heather – Animal of year is Polar Bear – how to we maximize our educational experience for kids. We will be at Math and Science Day.

12.SLT Report

- high stakes testing

- school quality review

review the policies of SLT

evening forum on testing – PS 107 conversation on testing,

- 13.**OPEN FORUM** – Andrew Hughes – idea for Middle School process – wonderful experience with middle school process here. Talked about the middle school his child goes to Genesis, which is in Bay Ridge. Bus service to connect Park Slope to Bay Ridge. It is at Xaverian High School. It is a hard program. A lot of homework. Challenging but fun. Academically vigorous program. Use iPads for learning. Genesis is a Catholic School.