**PTA of P.S. 162**

**Minutes for the meeting held on**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2015**

Begins at 5:09pm

**Introduction/Updates from Ivana Kardum (PTA Co-President)**

* Welcomed everyone to a new school year.
* Encouraged everyone to come out and volunteer for various events throughout the year. There are sign up lists in the back of the auditorium if anyone is interested in volunteering for any upcoming events. Volunteers are always welcome.
* All the money raised at our fundraisers, go right back to the children, so please get involved. Last year we raised enough money to help get parts for old smartboards and new floor mats for all the kindergarten classes.
* School Spirit T-shirts continue to be on sale throughout the year, so please purchase a shirt for your child.
* Membership letters have gone out so please donate what you can.
* We will continue to hold the Used Books Sale during the school year. Therefore, any book donations are welcome. The books will cost $.25-$1.00.
* She introduced the new principal of P.S. 162, Principal Pamela Lee.
* She introduced the new PTA Executive Board.
* There are two 2nd Vice President positions open on the board. If you are interested in running for these positions, you may either send in form when you receive it, submit your name directly to a board member or nominate yourself at the next meeting.

**Updates from Ms. Singer (UFT Representative)**

* No new updates.
* Welcomes everyone to a new school year.

**Updates from Mrs. Schweiger (Assistant Principal)**

* Greets and welcomes everyone.
* Informs everyone that Mrs. Cambourakis is not available for the “Meet the Teacher” taking place after this meeting. Any parents attending for her class may go to any other 3rd grade class since the curriculums are similar.
* Welcomes and introduces Mrs. Pamela Lee, the new principal.

**\*\*PRESENTATION FROM PRINCIPAL LEE TAKES PLACE.**

**Updates from Linda Lovett (PTA Co-President)**

* Greets everyone and apologizes for being late.
* The 2015/2016 PTA proposed budget was distributed and reviewed by the assembly. Ms. Lovett asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. A motion was made to approve the 2015/2016 PTA proposed budget and seconded. A Vote was passed approving the 2015/2016 PTA proposed budget.
* The 2015/2016 PTA books were now open for the year.
* The June, 2015 meeting minutes were distributed and reviewed by all; motion to approve the June, 2015 minutes was made and seconded. Vote was passed, June 2015 minutes were approved
* We need volunteers to take care of Box Tops, if anyone is interested in getting involved please let one of the PTA board members know.
* Principal Lee would like to start a “Morning Chat”. A monthly morning meeting with the parents where they come to have chat with the Principal about their concerns, hopes, ideas for the school and the upcoming year. The PTA thought it is a great way for the parents to get to know the new principal and would like to sponsor the chat by buying the coffee/ light snack for the chat. A motion was made and seconded to budget $25 for each monthly chat. Vote was passed, the financials will be updated to allocate $25.00 a month toward a “Morning Chat” with the principal.
* The money we make from the raffle we are holding tonight goes towards 2 new cafeteria tables. These tables are desperately needed, since 2 were broken beyond repair over the summer. Right now there are not enough tables for all the children to sit during the morning arrival. We are still researching the exact amount that we need to purchase these tables, but it will be expensive, so please help us out by purchasing raffle tickets.

**Updates from Debbie Strassberg (Parent Coordinator)**

* Informs parents that she needs everyone’s email addresses in order for her to get important information to them, so please make sure you give her your email address.
* 3rd and 4th grade parents need to sign up for the new school account in order to attain their child’s grades on the state tests. This is the only way parents will get those grades.
* She is always available for any questions or problems parents have, so don’t hesitate to phone or email her or to go and speak to her at the school.
* Encourages parents to go onto the school website to get any school updates.
* Thank you to those who are purchasing raffles. School desperately needs the new tables and there are other tables in need of repairs or that will soon need to be replaced as well.

Ms. Lovett asked if there was any new business that needed to be discussed. No one brought anything up. She thanked everyone for coming. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Vote was passed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm**.**