**P.S. 162 PTA Minutes for the meeting held on**

**Wednesday, January 20th, 2016**

Ms. Kaufman (UFT Representative) and Mrs. Pamela Lee (School Principal) were excused

Meeting commenced at 7:05 P.M.

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

* Linda welcomed everybody. Financials were reviewed. Linda explained that the arts program is in need of supplies. The PTA would like to allocate funds towards this program in the amount of $2,500. Mrs. Phillips, one of the parents attending the meeting, made a motion to increase the suggested amount to $3000 dollars. A motion to allocate $3000 for the arts program was made and seconded. Vote was passed and approved. $432.65 will be deducted from this amount to cover previously submitted expenses by the art teacher.
* Last year, Linda explained, the PTA funded tables for the art room. The art teacher is researching other means of getting funds for the arts program.
* Treasurer’s report was reviewed. Everyone was asked to review the financial report and a motion to approve it was made and seconded. Vote was passed and approved.
* A motion to approve the minutes from December 2015 was made, seconded and passed. The minutes from December 2015 were approved.
* Linda reported that Presidents' Council will be offering a Legislative Breakfast next month. She asked the parents to bring up any concerns to her so that they can be brought up that day.

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

* Grade specific "Sip and Chat" morning meetings will begin and will be followed up by a visit to one of the classrooms. Please try to attend the meetings.
* The Student Council is participating in the “Student Council Project” led by MS 74’s Assistant Principal Mr. Annello. They will continue to meet every other month. Each meeting will address one aspect of leadership.
* The Student Council President was introduced by Mrs. Schweiger. The President, spoke about the Ronald McDonald house and their goals. PS 162 will work towards increasing awareness of this program.
* Mrs. Schweiger reported that morning arrivals have been running smoothly.
* A construction update was provided. Construction will begin soon and the construction authority will be meeting with the school's administration regularly.
* Twins’ day was not as successful as expected as many children forgot about it.
* The Great Citizens Awards Ceremony was held.

**Update from Mrs. Strassberg (Parent Coordinator)**

* Mrs. Strassberg encouraged parents to use Dial-A-Teacher as they have teachers available Monday to Thursday. The teachers have Teacher Guides to assist with homework.
* If you are a 4th or 5th grade parent please attend the workshop that will be provided to give parents insight into Middle School.
* The school is working with the Department of Traffic to look into coordinating the two traffic lights on 53rd avenue to improve the traffic flow after drop off.
* A parent asked why can’t the two way street be closed during arrival and dismissal times. Mrs. Strassberg noted that this is an issue that is handled by the 111th Precinct, Community Affairs Division. There will be a follow up on this issue.

Linda encouraged the parents to volunteer in any of the future PTA events. She reminded them about the Winter Dance (1/29), Lunar Show (2/9) and Bake sale (2/13) to be held.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50PM