**PTA of P.S. 162**

**Minutes for the meeting held on**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2016**

Began at 8:40am

Not in attendance were the PTA Co-Presidents, Ivana Kardum and Linda Lovett, as well as, Mrs. Schweiger (Assistant Principal).

**Updates from Patricia Esposito (PTA Co-Vice President)**

* Greets everyone and introduces herself and Miyoung Choi. Explains that the Co-Presidents were unable to make the meeting due to prior engagements and she and Miyoung will be giving the updates.
* Reviews minutes. Approved and passed.
* The Modell’s fundraiser is still going on so parents go shopping.
* Spring Picture Day is tomorrow
* Family Fun Night is coming up in May 27th. Please come and join us.

**Updates from Miyoung Choi (PTA Co-Vice President)**

* Budget reviewed. Approved and passed.
* PTA positions were reviewed for elections to be held at the next meeting in May. Anyone interested please fill out the form and send in.
* There will be 2 SLT positions opening up. Anyone who wants to be considered for these seats, please fill out the form and send it in. Elections will be held at next PTA meeting.

**Updates from Mrs. Lee (Principal)**

* Greets everyone and thanks them for attending the meeting.
* Explains that Mrs. Schweiger is out for personal reasons and will be returning after the break.
* Recently all the classroom faucets have been inspected for lead in the water and 4 classrooms have been found to have lead. The faucets in those classrooms have been turned off.
* There was a recent incident in the schoolyard during one of the lunch periods and assures everyone that all precautions have been taken and more safety measures will be set in place in the schoolyard. Gates will be placed in all the entrances in order to prevent outsiders from entering during school hours. Encourages parents to alert the lunch aides and the school that you will be in the area if you plan on being outside the schoolyard during the lunch periods.
* Parents have been inquiring about the lack of class trips this year. Makes parents aware that certain classes do have trips coming up. As for next year, more trips will be scheduled in advance.
* Next year they are also planning on having some clubs for the children to join. This will give them more engagement opportunities.

**Updates from Mrs. Kaufman (UFT Representative)**

* Greets everyone and thanks the parents for coming.
* Congratulates all the Great Citizens.
* No new updates.
* Reminds parents of “Passion and Promise Day” coming up on May 4th. Please have children wear their school shirts or the school colors.

**\*\*Presentation of Great Citizens.**

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

* Greets everyone and thanks all the parents who come out to volunteer during the PTA events. Appreciates working with each and every one of them.
* In regards to the incident that happened in the schoolyard she has contacted the Mayor’s office and the Parks Department. Representatives have come to the school to inspect the schoolyard and identify the issues that need to be addressed. Gated doors will be put in place in 2 areas at the back of the schoolyard. A sign stating that the yard is considered school property during school hours and there is no trespassing during said hours will be put up by the schoolyard. Assures parents that the lunch aides took all the appropriate measures and did exactly what they were supposed to do when the incident took place. Encourages parents to speak to children about not talking to strangers.
* Next year the new elementary school will be opening up in 2017 and rezoning has already happened. 5 schools have been affected by the rezoning. Advises parents to find out if they have been rezoned. If you already have a child in the school, any other siblings are still able to attend PS 162. Next year class sizes should drop a bit.
* The Great Citizen program has really exploded. Every month it has become a competition because the children really strive to get the honor. Being involved in the program has been wonderful for her.
* Testing is over and the 5th grade activities will ramp up. The boat trip is quickly approaching, and then the dance and graduation.
* The brochure for summer classes at the Nathaniel Hawthorn School (MS 74) will be coming in shortly and distributed to the children, so parents, be on the lookout for that.

 \*Meeting ends 9:31am