

General PA Meeting on January 28, 2010

December minutes - reviewed and approved. Administration report by Ms. Chory. 4th grader Gabriella Napoli reported that she and Savannah Harcum collected 350 books for Bronx V.A. Hospital. Oasis presented new session, with openings for \$200/month. SLT Report by Tory Frye: CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan) is now on the school website; an internal needs assessment survey is going out schoolwide. Friends of PS/IS 187: reminder by Jeni Chapman about the Gala on Feb. 8, honoring Kathy Brito, Jeanine McAdam and Scott Stringer; all monies raised by Friends go to benefit programming in the school per discussions with the SLT, administration and teachers. Coming up: IS Talent Show, Movie Night, John Pizzarelli Quartet, African Library Project, Staff Appreciation Dinner, Int'l Dinner, Schoolapalooza Hullabaloo, Health Fair. Schoolapalooza proceeds will go to replenish classroom libraries (75%) and supplies for County Fair (25%). \$600 from cookbook sales last year to pay for Health Fair expenses. New sub-committee: Cultural Affairs (Barbara Gonzales, chair) provides interpretation at all PA meetings, translation of all PA materials, outreach to include and embrace the diversity of our PS/IS 187 community. Treasurer's Report by Carlos Brito: we now have \$24K, also \$11K carried over from last year, money still coming in: PA will be able to fulfill Teachers' Wish List. 2nd Grade Video Project moving forward thanks to Susan Saar, who collected proposals from teaching artists. Motion made & passed to reimburse Daniel Levy \$200 he fronted to bring Handwriting Without Tears, a professional development program for teachers grades K-2 approved by SLT, with addendum that this was an exception (PD session occurred before he could come before the PA for approval) and does not set a precedent. Class Parent Reps asked to find out what classroom supplies teachers' need. Stacey Linden requested proceeds from Movie Night go to Bent on Learning Yoga program. Motion made and approved. Closing remarks were given by Francesca Di Mauro. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Saar, PA Communications Secretary

(filling in for Ana Hernandez)