

PA General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. Hozumi thanked parents for the staff appreciation dinner and announced that the school purchased Rosetta Stone for Spanish, a software-based language instruction program. The program, which will be implemented in the intermediate school, will be piloted later this spring as an after school activity.

The administration did not yet receive notice of a starting date for the Out2Play playground renovations. The Treasurer's report revealed that the PA is on track to exceed its projected budget due to Schoolapalooza's success in raising funds. A nominating committee for the upcoming Parents Association and School Leadership Team elections was formed, consisting of Joey Brenneman, Rosalba Santos Alba and Margaret Janik. There will be three open positions for parents on the SLT and the PA requires, at minimum, a President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

Ariel Nachmann reported that \$3,800 has been raised in ad sales to date for Schoolapalooza. Food donations have been obtained from TA Cocina and the Associated Supermarket for Food-a-Rama. The cafeteria will be decorated and the Environmental Committee will sponsor seedling plantings as a children's activity.

Leonisa Ardizzone announced a fundraising committee meeting on April 6th. The parent working group for the arts reported that Studio in a School is beginning in kindergarten and 4th grade and in one 5th grade and one 8th grade classroom. Copies of the fulfilled wish list were distributed and all school parents will receive a copy. As per the approved motion at the previous general meeting, a discussion ensued about the wish list and general PA funding priorities. The discussion focused on the relative emphasis parents wish to place on funding the traditional wish list (mainly field trips and manipulatives) vs. enrichment programming (i.e. Studio in a School). Parents also discussed the role parents could or should play in determining the contents of the wish list. The discussion will be continued at the next general meeting in April.