

January 18, 2012

7:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by Lisa Smorczewski

December Minutes read by Secretary, Samantha Funovits

Treasurer's report - Tracy Wyatt (see attached)

Principal's remarks – Mary Kalogeropoulos

Tomorrow night Westbrook kids will do jumping jacks at the board meeting to demonstrate how Westbrook got its Guinness record.

Monday – Institute Day for teachers. Teachers will learn about the anti-bullying initiative. Kindergarten registration will be 9-3:30. Will be recruiting for Circle of Friends at the library.

Teachers remarks – Margie McCarthy

Read letter from Lisa Ryno who thanked parents for holiday collection (Holiday Helpers) Is there a way to get word out better next year since some parents were upset that they didn't have a chance to help. Can mention in the newsletter before the Dec. 2012 PTA meeting that Holiday Helpers will be discussed at the meeting.

School Board rep -

Adopt fee schedule for next year (basically the same except the tech fee will be \$30) \$375 to ride the bus if they register kids early. Dr. A will give a revised long term strategic plan from now to 2015. Will discuss different scenarios depending on funds available. Lincoln Principal got promoted to Asst Superintendent of Prospect Heights schools. Redoing and adopting new policies.

Leapin into Literature – Starting Feb 3rd. Need volunteers to read.

Art Appreciation – Art walk will be 3/19 in art and music rooms. \$200 budget will be used for supplies and presentation boards. Shapes in Art is the theme. Project for each class instead of each student is being considered. Need wall space to display art. Will discuss with Principal Mary how much space is needed. Rotating art throughout year is an idea.

Beautification – Kisch Whalen – Sunday 1/29 at 9:30 is start date. Still looking for drop cloths, small paint brushes and bright paint colors.

Character Counts – Still collecting for Dominican Republic. \$100 collected so far. Will be collecting at Light Show.

Light Show on Jan. 27 already full. 250 max. Doors open at 6:45 and starts at 7:00 pm.

Smarty Pants - Simple Machines on Feb. 17 for all grades – two times - 6 & 7pm

April 12th – Barnes and Noble 4:30-7

7:30 - Meeting adjourned by Lisa Smorczewski