

September 10, 2009

Barnard School PTA Meeting Minutes

1 President Melody Baez opened the meeting. Secretary Lauren Pekats recorded the minutes. A Quorum was present. Melody introduced herself and then those at the meeting introduced themselves.

2 Ron Armidror spoke about the new playground. It should be completed during the week of 9/14/09. He mentioned that the cost of the playground was approximately \$36,000 and was paid for through PTA dollars that we had raised over the past 3 or 4 years. A possible Ribbon-cutting ceremony was proposed.

3 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Greenhouse

Friday 9/11/09, the 8th anniversary of the September 11th Terror Attacks will be remembered at Amy's Greenhouse at a ceremony to take place at 3:30 PM. Mayor Bramson, Superintendent Organisiak and Barnard faculty and staff and families all invited to attend. Karen Hessel explained the Buy-A-Brick campaign. The ceremony will have a surprise unveiling that was purchased with a major donation from USAir employees. There will also be a presentation of Pediatric ER equipment donated by the Kiwanis Club. The equipment is to be given to Sound Shore Hospital Emergency Medicine Department, and the New Rochelle Fire Department (Fire House on North Ave and Eastchester Rd. that serves Barnard School).

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

Melissa Plotkin to distribute brochures Friday 9/11. The fundraiser begins Monday 9/14 and continues through 10/15. The gift wrap fundraiser raises the most revenue for Barnard. We will be using Prestige gifts, the same fundraising company that we have used for the past few years.

Welcome BBQ

Scheduled for Friday 10/9/09 at 6:30 PM. Hot Dogs, Burgers, soft drinks. DJ. To be held on the back playground area. Cathy Merigliano to check on food prices.

4 **MEMBERSHIP**- Suzanne Camerini (co-chair) spoke on the current push for members. \$10 per family to join or \$20 to Sponsor another family. Mrs. Kim Block (UPK Teacher) mentioned that Pre-K Transitions days are to be held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday September 23,24,25. Wed and Thur both AM and PM for 1 hour. And Friday AM and PM for 1 ½ hours. Tables should be set up in the Pre-K hallway downstairs for access to incoming Pre-K parents. Sign-Up sheets for all PTA committees and events to be available those days as well as magnets and t-shirts for sale. Volunteers needed to help run the tables.

5 **UPCOMING EVENTS**

10/6	Next PTA Meeting
10/9	Welcome BBQ
10/24	Pumkin Patch

10/30 Halloween Party

11/13 Movie Night

- 6 **After School Activities** Shanna Leuchter (Co-Chair) spoke. The activities are held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for 1 hour. 1st and 2nd graders are able to participate. The classes run for six weeks in the Fall and six weeks in the Spring. Fall classes run from October 27th through the end of December. A coach to run a sports class is needed. A discount is given to PTA members, so get your PTA membership!
- 7 **OPEN PTA POSITIONS** Lauren Pekats (Secretary) went over open positions for committees and events. Most positions are filled. Currently co-chairs are needed for Staff Holiday Breakfast in December and Staff Appreciation Lunch in March. Also needed are 3 co-chairs for the Spring Carnival. A Co-chair is also needed for the Election Day Bake Sale in November.
- 8 **REMINDER THE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED 9/15 PTA MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED!!!**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM