**PIE Meeting/Room Parent Potluck**

**Thursday, January 9, 2014, 6:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

ATTENDEES: Laurie Asencios, Karen Elsner, Athena Balourb-Grover, Zlata Gutman-Betts, Linda Hernandez, Regina Hill, Jan Hogue, Rowena Koran, Deb Rogers, Jen Smith, Sue Spizzio, Leah Wahrhaftig-Jeri, Tina Walnista, Kim Whynacht, Cathy Wilkerson

Rowena motioned to approve the minutes from the December meeting; Linda 2nd.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Harlem Wizards (January 17th)

* In need of additional volunteers: set-up, clean-up, merchandizing,
* Cheerleaders and acappella group are coming. Acappella group will sing Nat’l anthem.
* K. Elsner/C. Wilkerson to get snacks, drinks, Gatorade and water for players (Rice Krispy Treats and Pringles tend to be popular. Items must be on the Safe Snack List.
* Cathy W to get hand stamp.
* We will order 500 assorted glow sticks; any left overs can be used for Father-Daughter Dance.
* Game Day: Door E: for those with tickets or will call; Door A: for those that have to buy tickets
* They are doing 2 assemblies at school – 1 upper and 1 lower school.
* Cathy Montale is coordinating if there are other schools that want assemblies

K-5 Family Night

* Regina Hill and Laurie Asencios will co-chair
* Theme to be Pajama/Movie night

MISC/GENERAL DISCUSSION

* Indoor Recess: Several parents of lower school students asked about indoor recess; they feel like the kids have not been outside for recess much, even on days when it was not too cold and the weather seemed appropriate; they feel kids need the exercise.
* Old Style Sweatshirts
  + Jen indicated there are a lot of parents asking about old style sweatshirts.
  + It was determined that right now, we would not take that on.
* Shed shelves
  + Dawn Rossi’s husband has indicated he would do these. We need an estimate to install shelves on both sides of the shed as well as just the PIE side.
  + Deb has client that works at a lumber yard. She may be able to get discount if he can provide a BOM.

**Jen Smith** motioned to adjourn the meeting; Laurie 2nd.

Discussion from room parent potluck

* There us a feeling that not all upper school teachers realize what room parents can do and that parents of upper school kids find room parents important for communications.
  + PIE will go to staff meeting again at the beginning of the next school year and focus on letting teachers know what room parents can do to help them.
    - Last year was about getting communication to parents; next year will be more about communication with teachers.
* Upper school parents would like to have a better sense of what is available for the kids to do as far as student life. Information doesn’t always come home through the kids.

**The next PIE Meeting is Thursday, February 13th at 7PM**