Parent Teacher Association
General Meeting
October 7, 2010
Minutes

Call to order
Enid Febus called the meeting to order at 6:45PM. The September 2010 minutes were reviewed and approved. She informed the parents that at the November 2010 meeting there will be a parent panel discussion for each year – freshman, sophomore, junior and senior. Enid told parents that a fundraising letter asking parents for donations would soon be mailed to each home and that the goal is $125,000 is indicated in the budget.

Liz Morano showed parents the bths website and how to access information about the PTA and discussed the new fundraiser, fall bulbs of which half of the money goes back to Tech.

Treasurer’s Report
Lynn Lee distributed and reviewed the budget for approval. Lynn reported that $400 was paid for Tech Parent t-shirts which are sold as a fundraising activity throughout the school year and that $4000 income was collected from donations and one returned check fee of $60.

Mr. Randy Asher – Principal
Mr. Asher informed parents that all clubs and teams are now up and running. He noted two important events:
October 19th – Open House
This is an event for students who will the specialized high school exam to visit the school. This event will take place at 6PM and he encouraged parents to attend as representatives of the PTA.
October 28th evening and October 29th afternoon – Parent Teacher Conference
He strongly encouraged parents to come with their students and informed parents that they would have more time with the teachers if they attend on Friday afternoon. He told parents to find out how their children are progressing, ask how they can improve and provide support for them.
He also told parents of an incident that occurred on the subway from Bay Ridge in which a man exposed himself. Fortunately the student used her cell phone to take a picture and then reported it to school officials. When the student saw the man again the next day, police were notified and he was arrested. Mr. Asher also told parents that Fort Greene Park is not a place that their children should be congregating after school. He suggested that they remain in school as the building is opened for hours after dismissal. He also requested parents help in advising their students to move quickly after dismissal to the subway and to follow the direction of the safety officers and the NYPD

Presentations:
Safety Officers
Several officers from School Safety informed parents about ways for their students to remain safe including being aware of their surroundings and keeping personal items such as phones and ipods secure. They also discussed gang related activities including clothing that notes gang colors

Dr. Dan Schaefer
Dr. Schaefer discussed ways to help children with loss and stress. He focused his discussion on his work with young people and athletes. After his presentation, he answered questions from the audience.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.