Parent Teacher Association
General Meeting
November 10, 2011
Minutes

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Co-President’s Report
The October 2011 minutes were presented and approved. The college trip to Washington, DC was very successful. Clorox Power Grant was then presented. Parents were asked to vote on the Clorox website daily before the close of voting December 9th.

Mei Chan – Parent Coordinator
Ms. Chan spoke to about the process of attaining working papers. Of upmost importance is a letter on the doctor’s prescription pad or letterhead that states the child is FIT TO WORK. Other paperwork needed are a social security card and a Tech ID. Students should see Ms. Sosa in room 1W2 Monday – Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Ms. Chan also reminded parents that if an individual is not listed on the BLUE EMERGENCY CARD, the student cannot be released to that person.

Officer Santos – 88th Precinct
Officer Santos stressed the need for students to remain aware of their surroundings especially when using their electronics. The use of the electronics makes them targets. He also spoke to the parents about graffiti, cyberbullying, sexting and gangs. In addition, Officer Santos spoke about community service opportunities that are available through the 88th precinct.

Treasurer’s Report
Iris Lam distributed and reviewed the budget for approval. The budget was approved.

Mrs. Carole Kelly – Corresponding Secretary
Mrs. Kelly spoke to the parents about the Jive Turkey fundraiser on December 5th and 14th. The Tech PTA will receive 20% of proceeds from anyone who mentions Brooklyn Tech when ordering on those dates.

Ann Mejias-Rivera – College Admissions Expert
Ms. Mejias-Rivera gave useful tips for the college admissions process. Chief among these tips were:

• Students should apply to schools they can get into (no need for reach schools)
• A “B” in an AP course is better than an “A” in a non-competitive class.
• The essay does matter
• Extracurricular activities are good, but too many is unimpressive
• Colleges want students who fit their personality

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm