



MEETING Minutes for General PA Meeting November 7, 2016

- Welcome to All – good parent turnout
- Principal's Report - Lori O'Mara
 - o Middle & High school open houses
 - o Upcoming 6th Grade field trip to the Intrepid
 - o School wide anti-bullying week 11/28-12/2– several planned activities
 - o Canned food drive beginning 11/28/16
 - o Planning has begun for the upcoming 8th Grade international feast
 - o Girls volleyball team in the all-city finals
 - o High School applications due 12/1/16
 - o College tours for Juniors to Siena College & SUNY Oneonta on 12/8/16 – received grant from state senator, Jeffrey Klein, to offset some of the costs.
 - o You Make a Difference Awards breakfast on 1/13/17
 - o National Honors Society Applications are due by 12/9/16
- Guest Speaker - Eric Scholz, Assistant Principal
 - o Review of existing STEM program
 - o Discussion of the continuous improvements and staff/teacher continued education
 - o Science -- common core focus
 - o Technology – new middle school (6th grade = code.org, 7th & 8th graders = Bootstrap I & II) and high school tech courses have been introduced with enthusiasm and have been successful
 - o Engineering –developing further
 - o Math – ongoing improvements to the existing program
 - o The library offers free WIFI for homes: hotspot.nypl.org
 - o Free Microsoft office is available to students: studentoffice.net
- Upcoming Fundraiser - Middle School Dance (11/9)
- Upcoming Fundraiser - Camp Fair (12/8)
- Report on Fitness Mash-Up Fundraiser (11/6) – fun and successful

RKA Parents Association

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Elizabeth Benders, President



- Treasurer's Report
- Direct Appeal and Committee Updates –Direct appeal going well and will continue outreach. Mini grants in the process of being reviewed and approved, notifications forthcoming. Online sales and online donations progressing.
- RKA Clubs on Tuesdays from 2:40pm to 3:20pm offered to all RKA students
- New Business
- Adjourn

Calendar & School Events –

- Election Day - Tuesday, November 8 - no classes
- Middle School Dance - Wednesday, November 9, 5-8pm - **Volunteers Welcome!**
- Veterans Day - Friday, November 11 - no classes
- Senior Spirit Week - November 14-18
- High School Open House - Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15, 9am
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (Half-day of classes) - Thursday, November 17, 1-3pm and 5-8pm - **Volunteers Welcome!**
- RKA Spirit Day - Friday, November 18
- Thanksgiving Break - Thursday, November 24-Friday, November 25
- Mix-It-Up Day - Tuesday, November 29
- Parent Association Meeting - Monday, December 5, 7pm
- Camp Fair - Thursday, December 8 - **Volunteers Welcome!**
- Winter Arts Festival - Thursday, December 15, 7pm - **Volunteers Welcome!**

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