**School Governance Council**

**High Horizons Magnet**

**January 14, 2015**

*Meeting called to order at 5:02 P.M.*

In attendance: Francine Carbone, Bob Carbone, Jennifer Thomas, James Grantham, Jalissa Green, Liz Green, Tim Tvardzik, Wynne Naber, Portia Scott-Thiam, Greta Brown

Review of November’s Minutes – minutes approved.

**Activity:**

**Introduction of New Members:**

James Grantham – 4th grade teacher, 1st year at High Horizons

Jalissa Green – parent of 1st grader, works at Bridgeport Hospital

Liz Green – kindergarten paraprofessional, parent of 5th and 6th graders

Bob Carbone – community member – owns plastic company in Bridgeport

Compiled a list of members with names, phone numbers, email.

**Elections:**

Chair - Wynne Naber

Co-chair – Jennifer Thomas

Time Keeper – Tim Tvardzik

Secretary – Portia Scott-Thiam

**Updates on status of school:**

Cleanliness of building – replaced lighting, cleaned gym (vents and bleachers), painting is being done within the building (bathrooms, hallways), 10 cameras are being installed in the building, phone system will be installed

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**People’s Bank**

Mrs. Carbone will reach out to Virgilio Lopez regarding our relationship with People’s Bank and another community member.

**Nature’s Classroom Update**:

Representative will be coming to give more information on January 17th at 5:00 P.M.

**Parent Involvement**

Parent Involvement has been an issue. How can we motivate parents to come in? Parents don’t feel that their 10 hours is really required. Parents who work full time want to know how/when they can help. Home School Coordinator (Nicole Santiago) is keeping track of parent volunteer hours. Parents who reach 10 hours will be given a certificate at PAC meetings.

How can we utilize our Facebook page to communicate with parents and get them involved?

Put a reminder on the February Newsletter to “Like Us on Facebook”.

Make a list of ways to communicate with the school and display it.

**Dates:**

Friday, February 6 – National Wear Red Day (donations will go to American Heart Association)

Tuesday, February 10 – Jump Rope for Heart (grades 4,5,6)

 Hoops for Heart (grade 7)

Thursday, February 12 – Jump Rope for Heart (4,5,6)

 Hoops for Heart (grade 8)

Field Trip for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

January 29th (Dress down day on January 23rd to defer the cost of the bus)

8th Grade Possible Excursion

9/11 Memorial Broadway show and dinner

Science Fair is this Friday, January 16th

District Science Fair is February 7th at Fair Child Wheeler High School

Recognition at B.O.E. Meeting on Monday January 26th:

Ameera Khan won a Fire Safety Calendar contest

Mrs. Polizzo for collecting fire posters from the district

Meetings will now be scheduled for 5:00 P.M – 6:00 P.M

Next meeting will be on February 11th

*Meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.*