**PTA Meeting Minutes**

November 14, 2016 6:00 PM Room 518

PTA Meeting:

* **Welcome**
	+ Imebet Blair Carter welcomed everyone. October’s minutes were approved by those in attendance
* **Treasurer’s Report – Kirsti Craig**
* Family Contributions: $55,838 thru 11/14, which is 8% ahead of this time last year; our expenses are running slightly below expectations.
* Total Fundraisers: $8344, up 3 % from this time last year: “Everything is looking really good”
* **Announcements: Upcoming fundraisers & Activities**
* Parent/Teacher conferences -- Wed.11/16 & Fri. 11/18; parents who can’t meet @ those times should email teachers directly
* ICE merchandise will be sold during P/T conf.
* 11th & 12th graders Bake Sale for Malaysia trip will also take place during P/T conf.
* ICE photo fundraiser -- photos should be ordered by 12/2 for 20% discount. Retake photo day is Nov. 18th. Contact Annette @ annettetacconelli@gmail.com.
* Wine Tasting, Dec. 2nd @ 7 p.m. at Rennert’s Gallery, $50 per person
* Subway Moon performance with Roy Nathanson’s Songwriting Elective, Snug Harbor Music Hall, Staten Island, 12/11 – 4-7 p.m. $10 adults/ $5 students
* **SLT Report – Sarah Aucoin --**
* At the school year’s first meeting of the SLT, the following issues were raised to focus on this year:
* How can ICE better reflect ethnic and economic diversity in NYC @ the middle-school level?
* How can ICE serve needs of kids with special needs via ICT and align that with compliance and get access to funds?
* Space: How can ICE get a new building or reconfigure current space?
* How can parents have more contact with teachers? (Parents are invited to attend staff meetings as a rep of the PTA and or SLT on Wed. afternoons
* Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Kemala @ kemala@nycpublic.org or Sarah @ saucoin@optionline.net
* **ADULT ROLE MODELS WORKSHOP --** Planned Parenthood, *Talking to Your Children about the Facts of Life* – Highlights shared by workshop leaders:
* Using a pie chart, you can define 8 different aspects of sexuality as “more than sex. It is a physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual journey from birth to death.
* 4 steps to answering a child’s questions about sexuality: (1) Normalize and validate the question; (2)Ask what the child thinks is the answer (3) Answer honestly (4) Ask if the child understands your answer
* Using role-play, you can provide teachable moments, to both hear what your child is thinking about a sex topic and share healthy messages