

**Minutes**  
**PTA of MS 54, Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**October 5 at 7:00 pm**

Present: please see attendance sheet.

- I. Welcome by PTA co-chairs Karen Saltser and Robin Kleuber.
- II. September minutes were approved
- III. Upcoming dates
  - a. Tues 10/12 at 5.30pm there will be a grant writing meeting run by Bruder-Frydman at Nonna's. All are welcome to attend
  - b. Thurs 10/14 at 8.15am there will be an auction meeting at school, again all welcome. (Auction has been moved up to February 11, 2011 – save the date)
  - c. Fri 10/29 at 8am class parents breakfast will be held at school
  - d. Mon 11/9 at 6pm – phone-a-thon to support the capital drive. Volunteers needed.
  - e. Tues 11/9 – next PTA meeting will address Online Safety and Security
  - f. Tues 11/16 – Parent/Teacher conference (details to follow)
- IV. Open volunteer positions
  - a. Still need Phone-a-thon chair and Auction Volunteer Coordinator
- V. Principal's Report by Dr. Elster
  - a. Dr. Elster shared the news that we just missed our A rating by 0.2
  - b. Early Academy starts Tues 10/12 with small group instruction
    - i. Mon – Thurs 8.00 – 8.40 am
    - ii. Your child may have been identified to attend
    - iii. Or your child may attend on a voluntary basis
  - c. Marking period is at the end of October
  - d. Please feel free to email Dr. Elster, she always answers emails, and we are looking forward to a great year.
- VI. Treasurers' report
  - a. Treasurer's report by Lorie Coulombe, copies of the budget were distributed
  - b. An additional \$16,000 was raised since September. The priority remains funding 3 part time positions
  - c. We are recruiting for a part time office position to support Dr Elster
- VII. Guest Speaker – Clara Hemphill, author of New York City's Best Public High Schools

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.