

Parent rep meeting minutes - 10/18/07

**Specialist assignments.** Sharon Fong passed out the list of teacher specialists assigned to each Lower School class. Each class will act as a buddy class for that teacher throughout the year, inviting them to potlucks, etc., and buying them a thank-you gift at the end of the year.

**Family Book Night.** Susie Marples spoke about this event, coming up on Wed., Nov. 7, 6:30 to 8 PM in the Charlton St. PAC. The LREI librarians will present book recommendations for all ages on the theme of social class in youth literature. Middle and high school students will also present their own book reviews. The event is family-friendly, with childcare provided for free. Children are welcome to listen to the presentation, or to attend childcare where there will be books and live story reading.

**Lower School PE bus to High School.** Students will continue to take the bus for now, in light of the recent accident at Houston and Sixth Ave. The school is looking into getting either a crossing guard or a bigger bus or both. We can revisit the possibility of the kids walking when the construction is finished.

**Karamu!** Regina Trumbull is the new chair of the Karamu! committee, and would like support from the parent reps and the parent body in general to make this year's event successful. Meetings are held every other Thursday and all are welcome. There will be various subcommittees, such as talent, food coordination, decoration, etc. Parent reps should try to get the word out about what kinds of help are needed. Karamu! will be Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Please contact Regina if you would like to help: reginahoney@gmail.com.

**Halloween Fair.** Sun., Oct. 28, 1-4 PM, the Thompson Street Athletic Center. Zoe Picayo reported on the state of readiness for the Halloween Fair. The toy donation box and sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the lobby. Parents who sign up to run a game or activity at the fair should know that they do not need to bring or prepare anything in advance; everything required will be already there. Volunteers for set-up can come any time after 10 on Sat., Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**School supply lists.** Some parents have found it difficult to shop for school supplies just before the beginning of school; would it be possible for lists of communal supplies to be sent out earlier? Various possible solutions were discussed; the most viable might be to put general lists by grade on the website at the beginning of the summer. Teachers could still request specific items in the August mailing.

**Crowded cubbies.** In some classrooms, two children share one cubby, and the cubbies can get quite full with scooters, backpacks, jackets, etc. Is there any space for additional cubbies? Sharon explained that the architect who will be working on the HS addition will also look at the Sixth Ave. building in terms of space requirements and possible solutions. More forthcoming.