



Notes from PTA General Meeting held on 2/12/14.

- See latest [PTA Budget here](#). Watch for notice regarding the budget planning committee meeting that will set the budget for next year. PTA is currently seeking an audit committee of 5 people to review this year's budget. Contact PTA if interested.
- Meryl Glicksman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Spruce's UFT chapter leader spoke about Learning Environment Survey, conducted by DOE among teachers in March 2013. This January, to get a current pulse, Spruce teachers initiated an "interim" survey, re-asking negative scoring questions. Scores improved. Teachers will share themes with Nancy and Hilary.
- Spring Gala is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed now. Gala will be held at school. Tickets will be \$65, same as last year. See information on [Gala here](#).
- Taste of the Seaport will take place in the Fall – final date to come. Event will be in partnership with Peck Slip School and we will split the proceeds with them. Community Board 1 Meetings need presence from Spruce families. Our on-going engagement helps when we have issues that need to be addressed. Attend if you can. [See CB1 info here](#).
- Green Team is looking for parent volunteers beginning on Monday, March 3rd to act as Cafeteria Monitors to help the children separate their trash. Volunteering for even one lunch period will be extremely helpful. [Green Team lunch sign up here](#).
- School Leadership Team (SLT) – Because we still do not have official word about middle school, SLT will contact city division responsible for middle school decisions to seek clarity. The list of middle schools is revealed when the middle school directory is released in the Spring. Julie Lam and guidance counselor Sarah will be providing support to families on the middle school process later this year. SLT is seeking individuals to

work on subcommittees. If you want to raise a topic at an SLT meeting, you must get on the agenda at the week in advance. [Visit SLT here.](#)

- Principal's Report from Hillary - Children are slipping on the ice; please be careful and remind your caregivers not to let children play on ice. Upcoming workshops include:
  - Coping with test stress
  - Getting Ready for 4<sup>th</sup> grade science test
  - Anger management
  - Getting ready for middle school