

## **Friends of Cutler Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2018**

Attendees: Jennifer Clifford, Ms. Fichera, 6 parents

### **Minutes – Stephanie Stein**

- Approved November 2018 minutes.

### **November Events Recap**

- Ski Skate Board Event – most successful to date; looking for a ski/skate treasurer for next year.
- Grounds & Garden Committee: collecting bulbs for spring

### **Treasurer’s Report/Budget – Aubrey Tosh and Shannon DeForest**

- No report.

### **Cultural Enrichment**

- January 16: Berkshire Hills Music Academy uses music to help individuals with intellectual disabilities develop skills for communication & independence. Berkshire Hills students will perform musical pieces and talk about their experiences.
- February: Young teenage Boston artists teach Cutler students about their own leadership through art. Artists will work with Cutler students to complete “seeing the leader in me” self-portrait.
- March: Cradles to Crayons; Fifth graders will organize a collection and then volunteer at the organization for an afternoon.
- March 22: Liv-Bits is a young girl who advocates for student voice and digital citizenship through social media and will be speaking and running workshops.

### **Hospitality – Melissa Brown & Kristin Burke**

- December 20: Teacher/Staff cookie swap
- January: Teacher lounge replenishment

### **Free Money**

- Box Tops check coming in for \$313. Next incentive is end of January to mid-February.
- Stop & Shop earned \$273 with 63 supporters.
- Crosby Receipts are still being collected.

### **Upcoming Events**

- December 21: Festive winter wear spirit day
- January 28 – February 1: Scholastic Book Fair
- February 1: Family Game Night

### **Math Curriculum – Ms. Fichera**

- Mrs. Graham and her fifth grade class taught the parents how to play a fraction game with dice and the face of a clock. This taught them common denominators.
- The new math program is called Investigations. It teaches many strategies to solve a problem. Gives the kids ownership in how they solve the problem. About the process than getting the right answer.

\*\*\* Next meeting on Wednesday, January 23 at 9:15am.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Stein, Secretary.*