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PA Minutes for Tuesday, November 14, 2017

- **Lisette Ramos-Johnson, Representative for New York's 529 College Savings Program Direct Plan**
 1. 529 similar to other retirement and investment accounts
 2. Money can be used for college and trade schools and can cover tuition, books, room and board and other supplies needed for school
 3. Up to \$10,000 can be used for tax deduction
 4. Money can be withdrawn tax free when used for school but a penalty applies when withdrawn for other purposes
- **Halloween party**
 1. \$6500 gross
 2. Invested in new games and equipment that can be used in future years
- **Book Fair**
 1. Still waiting to get results of how much we will be getting back from Scholastic (Invoice has to be paid in full before Scholastic releases Scholastic dollars. However, we sold more than \$7000 in books, so school should receive at least \$3500)
 2. Some thefts at the book fair and during after school, so more volunteers will definitely be needed if we do the book fair again.
 3. Kids were very excited about the opportunity to buy books, and teachers who took advantage of wish lists were able to get many books for their classrooms.
- **Read-a-thon kickoff**
 1. 2 goals—getting kids to read more and to raise money for the school
 2. \$15,000 goal this year
 3. Money may be used toward Guggenheim, Inside Broadway, and stipend checks for teachers
 4. Businesses can advertise and their ads will be visible on every page
 5. Read-a-thon will run from November 15-January 6
- **Other items brought up during the meeting**
 1. Do more small fundraisers like “bring a dollar and wear crazy socks”
 2. Use promo codes with Donors choose so that funds will be matched
 3. Movie night in January—TBD
 4. Low scores for our school on recent testing, and I-Ready can help students do better on tests. Therefore, more students need to be using this resource.