



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: October 15th, 2024 6:00 -7:20pm. Cafeteria

Meeting called to order by President Jaime Palazzi at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: A quorum was reached.

Minutes: The minutes of the 09/09/24 meeting were read and approved by Maria Mancino and Christa Baida

Old Business was given President Jaime Palazzi

1. The SLT election. We have two positions open and they are two year terms. Is there anyone here that would like to nominate themselves? Introduce yourselves. (Note was necessary). I would like to put a motion on the floor to accept Tracey Louie and Kathy Natal. Can someone please accept the nominations. (Maria Mancino) Can someone please second them. (Jessica O'Mahoney Schwartz)
2. The school spiritwear fundraiser has ended, items should be in in a few weeks. If you missed out, the next fundraiser will be in the spring.
3. PTA Dues are being collected. You can either give cash or a check made out to the PTA of PS229. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted them.
4. Senior dues are due by October 25th . The money covers the cap and gown, t-shirt, diploma case, yearbook, pin, bag, and a video of the graduation ceremony. We have a videographer that films everything and about a week or so after the ceremony, you will be emailed a link to the video so you can download it. If you are ordering a senior hoodie, the money must be in by October 31st , the same goes if you want to order a ring. If your child wants to order a ring but does not have the form, please see me after the

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meeting. I cannot email those out as they are triplicate forms.

5. September 27 th was 8 th grade pictures. We moved the outdoor photo to the schoolyard and the photographer got so many great shots so were excited to see them.

6. The Family Income Inquiry forms need to be filled out. If you have not yet done so, please do. That information is used for nothing more than figuring out what money the school will get, so help us keep Title 1 and fill out the forms.

New Business was given by president Jaime Palazzi

1. This coming Saturday is the first Family Art Workshop of the school year. The topic this weekend will be painting autumn leaves. It will begin promptly at 10:30 and it ends at 12. I sent an email out this afternoon as did Mrs. Abrams.

2. Next Monday and Tuesday are picture days. Please remember that the forms were printed incorrectly. Prek – 3 rd will have their pictures taken on Monday and 4 th – 8 th will be Tuesday and that includes the graduation pictures that some students were absent for.

3. The 24 th is the Halloween Dance for 3 rd – 5 th grade. The money is due this Friday and we will not be accepting any ticket requests after that.

4. October 31st will be our annual Harvest Walk. We are hoping to raise money for I-ready like we did last year, we're just waiting on confirmation from them. It is for grades Prek-5 th and the grade that brings in the most money will get a pizza party. Letters will go home shortly.

5. Again, the PTA is no longer hosting the lost and found and we haven't for a few years. Please label your childrens items, coats, jackets, water bottles, lunchboxes.

6. Today I ran out and booked the senior prom, letters will be sent home to all 8th graders this week. It will be June 4 th at Mama Rao's. Last years prom was so much fun so we are looking forward to doing it again.

7. There is no school on November 1 st in observance of Diwali, November 5th for election day, November 11th for Veterans day and November 14th for parent teacher conferences.

8. The next ice cream day is the 8 th and its also spirit day, wear camo or red white and blue for veterans day.

9. Our next PTA meeting is November 19th and it will be on zoom. We will not be back in person until March.

10. Mr. Goldman and I are working on our annual Veteran's day clothing donation drive. Letters will go out as soon as I get the information.

11. Next month will also be the NIA/PTA Friends Giving Thanks potluck dinner. It's held here in the cafeteria and we have so many families that come with amazing food so we hope to see you there! Letters will go out as soon as the details are confirmed.

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

1. Mr. Kirk gave updated presentation of the results of the Spring 2024 NYS ELA and Math Tests grade by grade.

New teachers joining PS/IS 229k staff for 2024-25 were introduced.

2. Updates on Capital Projects

- Library upgrade - The space is completed, including the NEW Audio/Video/Podcasting studio. We are awaiting the furniture (which was supposed to be delivered by 10/4) and technology for the project to be completed.
- Multi-Purpose Room renovation - The stage was refurbished, and the floor was replaced. Wrong color padding for the front of the stage was delivered. The correct blue padding is expected to be delivered later this week and then installed. The upgrade to the lighting and sound system will be the next phase.

3. STEADY as She Goes - Most, if not all of us, are aware that there has been a significant amount of transition and even uncertainty swirling around the Chancellor's Office and City Hall. We know that we do have an experienced NYC educator who will be taking the helm as Chancellor, beginning tomorrow... Melissa Aviles-Ramos brings a wealth of experience fostering community engagement and supporting families to her new role. She joined New York City Public Schools in 2007 as an English teacher, and then went on to serve as an assistant principal, principal (where she brought up graduation rates by 60 percent in just two years), deputy superintendent, acting superintendent, and education administrator. Her efforts have included creating advisory councils, launching community-based projects, and spearheading initiatives that address critical issues affecting students and their families.

I can assure you that in District 20 and specifically here at PS/IS 229K, we will as always prioritize the following:

A. Safety - making sure that your child (ren) feel safe when they walk through these doors every morning and that they remain safe until they are returned to your care.

B. Happy and Supported - Make sure that for the most part, our students are happy to be a part of our school community. If for some reason they are not feeling that way at a particular time, they have someone that they can speak with that will listen to them and support their needs.

C. Learning - Make sure that our teachers/staff have what they need to ensure our students know more and can do more than they could when they entered. For those that may struggle, try new/different ways and check that they are making progress. For those that are already reaching a level of success, provide means for accelerated and enriched experiences.

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

• **Additional items of note**

Questions were answered.

Meeting Adjourned 7:20 pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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