



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: February 27th, 2024 6:00 -7:15pm. Zoom

Meeting called to order by Co-Presidents Jennifer Jansen & Jaime Palazzi at 6:00 pm.

Attendance: A quorum was reached.

Minutes: The minutes of the 01/16/24 meeting were read and approved by Christa Baiada and Kathy

Treasurers Reports The budget was read and accepted. Report attached.

Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen

1. Our Yankee Fundraiser is going on, you can purchase tickets through March 15th. We have 10 tickets left, so if you are going to order, please do so soon.
2. Senior prom tickets are no longer available.
3. School spirit wear has been extended to March 8 th , please get your orders in.
4. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl, we saw those boxes filled up!
5. The Winter Wonderland dance for middle school students was on the 25 th . Thank you to all the teachers who volunteered and our chaperones. The kids had a great time.
6. We brought in a little over \$1k with the Valentine's sale even though it got thrown off with a remote school day.
7. Thank you to everyone who purchased a Hershey Lovegram, the kids loved them.
8. Also, a very big thank you to everyone who came to Dessert night! There were so many desserts, from homemade to store bought. It was a nice

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night for everyone and we got to meet more people.

New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi

1. The big news for this month is the book fair! It will take place during school hours on the 19 th and 20th, with parents having the opportunity to shop on the 19 th after the pta meeting which will be in person. As soon as I get specific details down, I will send out the information. We will be needing a lot of volunteers. No volunteers means less items, and no opportunities for parents to shop, please keep that in mind.
2. The next Family Art Workshop is Saturday March 16 th , details to be emailed out when I get them.
3. Friday March 1st will be the next ice cream day, everything is \$2.
4. We need snack shack volunteers. We are tired of begging. We are now going to just cancel snack shack when we cant get help, which we had to do on Monday. A closed snack shack results in at least, a \$400 loss for the day which adds up. We are at a point in the school year where Jennifer and I are handling multiple events and we cannot drop what we are doing anymore and we shouldn't have to. Please sign up to volunteer for snack shack.

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

Double-Parking at Arrival and/or Dismissal Time

- I want to first thank Commander Lau (62nd Pct.) and Commander Schafer (68th Pct.) for their increased presence during these critical times related to student and community safety. We ask that they continue to have patrols ticketing and maintaining safe traffic flow.
- I must continue to remind all families again, that at arrival and dismissal, we ask that you please find the closest legal parking spot and walk your child/children to

or from the car. We realize this is a little less convenient, but we do this to keep all children and families safe. In addition, this may prevent a ticket for \$150

The High School Application process

- High School Offer release is scheduled for March 7, 2024.

The Middle School Application process

- Middle School Offer release is scheduled for April 3, 2024.

Kindergarten (including Gifted & Talented) Admissions

- Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Offer release is scheduled for March 27, 2024

Pre-K Admissions

- Pre-K Application closes this Friday, March 1, 2024 for children born in 2020.
- Families can apply for both in one of three ways: online at <https://www.myschools.nyc/en>; by phone at 718-935-2009; or by visiting the local family welcome center at 415 89th Street.
- Pre-K Offer release is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

Promotion-in-Doubt process

- The promotion-in-doubt (PID) process requires schools to notify families, in writing, if their child is at-risk of not meeting promotion benchmarks and may be retained in the same grade for the next school year.
- Families received PID letters/emails by February 15th.

ELA/Math Support and Title III Afterschool Programs

- We started our ELA/Math Support and Title III afterschool programs at the end of January.
- The ELA/Math Support focuses on areas of need in preparation for the NYS ELA and Math Tests taking place later in the spring.
- The Title III program provides additional support for ENL/MLL students.

Construction/Capital Projects updates

- We had approximately ten contractors here in December to do a pre-bid walkthrough for the Library Upgrade Project. Bids for the project are being submitted.
- On January 11th, I was contacted by the project manager from Gridspan Corporation. They have received approval to proceed with the Multi-Purpose room renovation. They are to 12 portable bleachers, refinishing the stage floor, removing four basketball backboard assemblies and installing new wall padding in front of the stage.

The wall padding and bleachers are now in production. We are awaiting word on the upgrades to the sound and lighting.

Summer Rising 2024

- The PS/IS 229 building is slated to be open this summer and we believe our students will have access to full summer programming [NYCPS and NIA] here.
- We hope to have additional details to share with you in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Parent/Family Information Sessions

- We will be presenting a school-level session for all parents/families, to share updated information about the expectations of NYC Reads and how we are using Into Reading/Into Literature to meet those expectations.

We are targeting a date the week of March 18-22.

- We will be presenting our Take a Bite Out of Bullying - Part 2 for families to learn more about conflict, bullying, prevention and our required responses in these situations. We are targeting a date the week of April 15-19.

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

- **Additional items of note**

Questions were answered.

Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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