



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: April 16th, 2024 6:00 -7:00pm. Cafeteria

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 03/19/24 meeting were read and approved.

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

We will no longer be printing out minutes for everyone. One copy will be here, it will otherwise be emailed out to everyone with the financials.

Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen

1. Our Brooklyn Cyclones fundraiser is back. The game is June 23 rd and it's Bluey night. Information was emailed home and the tickets are online purchase only.
2. The Scholastic Book Fair was last month. It ran for two days and parents were given the opportunity to shop at night. The school earned \$2,500.
3. Our fourth attempt at having a carnival finally worked out and we were able to have it this past Sunday. It was packed and the kids had so much fun. Thank you to our volunteers and our teachers who helped us and thank you to all of the parents who came to enjoy the day.
4. April 6 th , Mrs. Abrams hosted another family workshop and it was packed again. Our last one will be on May 4 th and we'll send out details as soon as we get them.

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Christopher Corbett
Kathleen Mai
Angelo Tizabi

New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi

1. April 17th is Climate Action Day. Students can show their spirit by wearing green and using reusable water bottles. Friday will be Earth Day spirit day as we are not in school on actual Earth Day which is the 22nd . Students can wear green or blue.
2. The school will be closed for spring break from the 22nd to the 30th , we will return on May 1st .
3. The next ice cream day is May 3rd .
4. Teacher Appreciation Week is the 6th – 10th .
5. May 10 th is Multicultural Spirit Day
6. Our next PTA meeting is May 21st and those will be our elections. While we do have people running for reelection, we also have people stepping down and that includes Jennifer. This is not a one person job and it would be great if we could get a VP. It is a lot of work, pretty much a full time job during a lot of the school year. If you are interested, please be serious, we need help. If anyone here would like to run for a position, please email a letter of intent to 229elections@gmail.com. Our Nominating Committee will handle all emails (maya zumbo and colleen lamonte). Nominations will close on May 17 th so get those letters in. I am going to email everyone a description of all offices, but I have to go over them again. (See attached) Please note that in addition to what is written in our bylaws, as President or Co-President, you are also in charge of planning and running all fundraisers and sales, dances, hospitality, working with the Administration when needed, working with teachers when needed, setting up and cleaning up after school events, writing requests for grants, working with vendors, amending bylaws if the term is up, running deposits to the bank every 2 days and anything else that may pop up on a daily basis. You are also automatically a member of the SLT and must attend a monthly meeting held at school (they are the third Thursday of every month, unless there is a conflict). You must also attend a monthly Presidents Council meeting that is currently on zoom and it's the second Friday of every month, and a monthly safety meeting held in school run by Mr. Cuthill. In addition, there are other monthly meetings like CPAC, PEP and CEC that you are highly encouraged to attend. Our nominating committee is Maya Zumbo and Colleen Lamonte.
7. We have two open seats for the SLT which stands for Student Leadership Team. It is a two year term and you will meet once a month (3 rd Thursday) in person here at school. The description for the SLT is as follows (see attached). If you would like to run for SLT, please email us at our regular

pta229@yahoo.com account. I am the nominating committee for that as I am not running for a seat as is Jen Jansen. We are looking for one more person.

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

Kindergarten (including Gifted & Talented) Admissions

- Kindergarten and Kindergarten G&T Offers were released March 27, 2024
- Our pupil accounting secretary and office staff are busy registering incoming kindergarten students

Pre-K Admissions

- Pre-K Application closed on Friday, March 1, 2024 for children born in 2020.
- Pre-K Offer release is scheduled for May 14, 2024.

Brooklyn Borough Art Festival

- Congratulations to student, Eric Yang (604), who's artwork was selected to represent our school and will be on display as part of this year's Brooklyn Borough Art Festival!
- A celebration will be held at the Brooklyn Children's Museum on May 21" and Eric's work will be on display for the public to see, beginning May 24".

New York State Testing this Spring

- ELA Tests (paper & pencil version) for Grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 will be taking place on April 11"-12".
- ELA Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on April 16"-17".
- MATH Tests (paper & pencil) for Grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 will be taking place on May 7"-8".
- MATH Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on May 9"-10".
- The window for the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Tests (NYSESLAT) will begin April 15" and will conclude by May 24".
- Science Tests (computer-based) for Grades 5 and 8 will be taking place on May 16".
- The Algebra Regents will be given on June 4", the Living Environment Regents

on June 14", and the Spanish Proficiency Exam on June 24".

Title I Status

- We are optimistically waiting to hear that we are eligible for Title I funding in 2024-25. I was informed that we reached 62.3%. If the threshold remains 60% for the upcoming year, we will qualify for the additional funding.

Construction/Capital Projects Updates

- We had approximately ten contractors here in December to do a pre-bid walkthrough for the Library Upgrade Project. We are awaiting word as to whether or not any of the submitted bids are being approved.
- On January 11", I was contacted by Gridspan Corporation. They have received approval to proceed with the Multi-Purpose room renovation. Portable bleachers and wall padding are in production.
- The stage surface has already been refurbished (sanded and resealed).
- 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 our students will have access to full summer programming [NYCPS and NIA/BCA] here. Students from PS 205 and PS/IS 104 will be here as well.
- Summer Rising results will be released in MySchools on Wednesday, April 17". Not all families who submitted applications will receive offers as seats are limited. These families will be automatically on the waitlist for all choices listed on their application.

Report of Data on Incidents Involving Students through April 16, 2024

- 88 TOTAL incidents through 4/16/2024
- Through February of last school year, there were 101 TOTAL incidents
- 65 of 88 incidents have been Levels 1-3 infractions (Uncooperative/ Disorderly/Disruptive Behaviors) = 73.9%
- 19 of 88 incidents have been Level 4 (Aggressive/Harmful/ Injurious Behaviors) = 21.6%
- 4 of 88 incidents have been Level 5 (Seriously Dangerous/

Violent Behaviors) = 4.5%

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- 8 incidents per 1,150 students = 0.7%
- 47% of all incidents are connected to eight accused students
- 31% of the Levels 4 & 5 incidents are connected to two accused students

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

- **Additional items of note**

Questions were answered.

Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated

Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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