



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: October 17th, 2023 6:00 -7:15pm. In person 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 09/19/23 meeting were read and approved by Maria Mancino and Vanessa Belcastro

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

Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen

1. Friday September 29 th , the day of the great flood, we held our 8 th grade pictures. We had very few absences, which was great. Unfortunately, we could not take our outdoor pictures due to the weather. Any child who was absent will have their picture taken next Monday, the 23 rd . We will also have our outdoor picture taken, weather permitting. We were hoping to get back the 8 th grade photos before then so we could also hold retakes that day, but I don't think they will be here. December 11 th will be retake day.
2. The Miss Chocolate fundraiser began on October 3 rd and it's going very well. The student who raises the most money will receive a \$25 amazon gift card and the class that raises the most money will get a pizza party. The fundraiser ends on the 24 th so please get those orders in. You can order online or fill out the form and return it to school.
- 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. Last Friday we had our first ice cream since 2020. It went really well and the

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kids were so happy to have it back. We will be going back to doing ice cream day once a month going

5. In another case of bad luck with the weather, the school carnival had to be cancelled twice and now it will take place on Saturday, April 13th. All refunds went out on Friday except for the money parents asked us to keep. If you have not received your refund, please let us know.

6. Senior dues are due by October 27th. 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.

7. 8th grade parents, the prom letters have gone out and we are getting a lot of ticket requests. If your child wants to go and has not paid yet, please get those requests in as we have a limited number of tickets. The deadline is January 5th.

8. Our Spiritwear fundraiser for school apparel has ended and we expect the items to be delivered right before Thanksgiving.

9. Halloween Dance forms for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes have gone home. The dance is the 26th and the deadline is this Friday, please get those requests in.

10. Picture day forms have gone home as well, please get those in as soon as possible. Picture days are next Monday and Tuesday and the schedule has been emailed out. I have been sending forms back left and right, please take the time to fill them out correctly. You cannot order an Add-On without ordering something to add it on to. Retake day for students who are absent or who want new pictures, will be December 11th.

11. Nets tickets are currently available, the deadline to order them is November 19th, 2am. They can only be purchased online. The game is November 19th at 3pm.

12. If you are interested in tickets for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular, please send in payment soon. Tickets are going quickly for this event. Please note, this is NOT a school trip, you cannot just purchase one ticket for your child.

13. Letters should have gone home about the annual Veteran's Day drive. We team up with Mr. Goldman and his Community Service Enrichment Class and we collect clothing and other items that they deliver to the VA. There is a box by the elevators that you can drop items off in. Every year we are able to donate a large number of items, we hope this year is just as successful. The deadline to donate is November 6th.

14. The Family Income Inquiry Forms still need to be filled out! They are incredibly important because they determine the funding our school gets. A form needs to be filled out for each child you have in the school and the forms will only be used to help with our funding, nothing else. Please fill them out!

New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi

1. Jen spoke about this in old business, but I really need to stress the issue we are having with forms that are being sent in. Both of us have been wasting too much time trying to track down what belongs to who. We have several events and fundraisers going on and we are continuing to receive forms that have no names on them. People are sending in envelopes that are not attached to forms and theres no information on the envelope. Then we have to reach out to teachers and hope they remember who handed what in. Please put all tear offs and money in an envelope and that is clearly labeled with your childs name and what the money is for. Also, jen had to send a bunch of stuff back because deadlines were missed. Please pay attention to these things.

2. I wanted to talk about our budget a little bit, I know looking at the budget you cant tell what we specifically spent money on. I thought that each month I'd just give you a list so you can clearly see where the money goes as a courtesy. In September we put out the money for ice cream and snack (this is an expense that will be monthly), we put some in to the new platform for the school website, the dj for the 5 th grade celebration, the annual welcome back staff bagel breakfast. We purchased a bunch of new chromebook chargers to replace the ones that were either broken or not returned, decorations for dances, the deposit for 8 th grade graduation and we paid for the art workshop.

3. This Saturday is the Halloween Family Art Workshop headed up by Ms. Abrams and it will be held here in the cafeteria from 10:30-12. It is an arts and crafts workshop, paint will be involved so bring an old tshirt or smock. It is open to siblings who do not attend 229 as well. All children need to be accompanied by an adult and all children must remain seated while the workshop is going on, there cannot be any running around.

4. As Jen mentioned, the Halloween dance is the 26 th , the deadline for tickets

is this Friday, please have payment in by then, we will not be selling tickets at the door. Remember that if your child goes to NIA, they cannot go that day, they must be picked up from school at dismissal and then brought back at 3:30.

5. Letters should be going home soon, but on Halloween we will have our annual Harvest Walkathon in the schoolyard for grades prek-5. This year we will be raising to get the I-Ready Personalized Instruction feature that is not in this years school budget. It will begin at 9am and parents are welcome to come and watch from outside the schoolyard gates. Students may wear costumes but no masks or weapons. If it rains, it will be cancelled. This year, the student that raises the most money will receive a \$50 visa gift card and the grade that raises the most money will get a pizza party. I'm going to put a chart up by the gym tracking each grades progress and I will email out updates so everyone knows where their grade stands. Payment is due by October 27 th .

6. We do not have a date yet, but the PTA will be teaming up with NIA and hosting our annual Family Giving Thanks dinner event! It usually starts at 6pm and it takes place here in the cafeteria. Every year before thanksgiving, we invite all families to bring in either their favorite cultural food or their favorite thanksgiving food. We usually have a lot of families join us and it's a lot of fun. As soon as we get a date, I'll get the information out to everyone.

7. Once again, the PTA is no longer hosting the lost and found. Please label your child's items. There is a pile by our office and nothing has a name on it. Remember, every week or two, whatever is still there gets donated.

8. October 27, our awesome 8 th graders will be holding their own fundraiser to put towards their 8 th grade activities. They will be selling items during snack shack, like Halloween pencils and erasers and little squishmellows. The prices will range between \$1 and \$5. We will send out a reminder next week.

9. Next months pta meeting will be back on zoom. If you are not getting emails from us, please let me know. You wont be able to get the link if we don't have your email.

Important Dates

1. October 23rd and 24 h is picture day.
2. October 26th is the Halloween dance.
3. October 31st is the Harvest Walk.
4. November 2nd is a half day because of parent teacher conferences.
5. November 7th, no school due to election day.
6. November 10 h is red white blue or camo spirit day for Veterans day
7. November 21st. PTA meeting on zoom

Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk

Questions were answered.

Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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