



Ps/Is 229

## Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: June 11th, 2024 6:00 -6:55pm. 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 05/21/24 meeting were read and approved by Julianne Noyola and Fredding Fung

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

### **Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen**

1. Our Brooklyn Cyclones fundraiser is going on, the game is June 23 rd and it's Bluey night. Information was emailed home and the tickets are online purchase only.
2. On May 30th , Mrs. Yorr and Mr. Rippert hosted our Spring Concert. Thank you to them and all of our band/orchestra members and choristers that worked so hard to put on a great concert.
3. On June 4th we had our audit committee come in to audit us. All of our receipts and other paperwork were gone through and we passed with flying colors.
4. June 5th was our first prom since 2019. It was held at Mama Rao's and we had a great turnout. The kids and teachers danced all night, there are plenty of videos and pictures on our Instagram page.
5. This past Saturday was our last art workshop and once again we had a great turnout. Thank you to Mrs. Abrams for organizing it, we cant wait to see what we do next year.
6. Today was our last snack shack and ice cream day until September.

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## **New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi**

1. Tomorrow June 12th is a spirit day for the environment. We ask everyone to wear blue to symbolize our oceans.
2. Thursday is our 5th grade celebration. It will be held in the school yard and there will be food and a dj. All 5 th graders will have the chance to hang out with their friends before some of them of leave for middle school.
3. Thursday I will also be handing out the graduation tickets, students must sign for them. There will be three tickets given out, graduating student does not need a ticket.
4. Friday is Flag Day so our spirit day is to wear red, white and blue.
5. We have no school on Monday for Eid.
6. Tuesday is the Kindergarten step up and it also the morning of the 8 th grade breakfast where they will get their cap, gown and yearbooks.
7. There is no school on Wednesday in honor of Juneteenth.
8. Thursday is the pre-k step up ceremony.
9. Friday the 21 st is Pride Spirit day. It is also the 8 th grade graduation. It will be held in two sessions at Dyker Golf Course.
10. Wednesday June 26 th is our last day of school and it is a full day.
11. For any 7 th grade parents, we just want to let you know that when school starts you will be receiving a letter regarding senior dues which covers your child's cap and gown, yearbook, video of the graduation ceremony and other items. The dues amount will be \$120.
12. On June 3 rd we had our PTA budget committee meeting. We have the budget for the new year, we need to hold a vote to pass it.
13. As always, we ask if anyone here knows someone who is starting at 229 in the fall to please email us so we can add their email address for any information we need to send out over the summer.
14. The first day of school is Thursday, September 5th .

## **Principals report was given by Mr. Kirk**

### **Celebrations and Acknowledgements**

- Congratulations to our four students who participated in the challenging District 20 Math Games on May 31st!!! Lucas Lee (404), Jack Liu, Ryan Lu, and Oleksandra Scherbhan (504) represented PS/IS 229 so well, showing their amazing math knowledge! Lucas Lee was the only fourth grader and took home the 3rd Place trophy for PS/IS 229! A HUGE thank you to Ms. Zarski for her guidance and support!
  - We had three powerful speeches delivered by three amazing PS/IS 229 students on Friday, June 1st at the District 20 Civics For All Symposium. Preston Cheng (102), Olivia Feng (404), and Humd Baig (804)!!! A HUGE thank you to their teachers, Ms. P. Lombardo, Ms. Gvili, Mr. Clancy, and Mr. Hann for their support and guidance!
  - Thank you to our students, parents and staff that participated in our Sidewalk Cleanup this past Saturday. We picked up an amazing 85 pounds of garbage and received many thanks from business owners and the community!!! Thank you to Ms. Petrella for organizing this special event! We look forward to doing it again in the near future.
- Team PS/IS 229 raised an additional \$881 to go to Relay for Life, in the fight to cure cancer. Class K-2 won the ice cream party for the most donations for Relay For Life feet.

### **New York State Testing this Spring**

- We have successfully completed administering the NYS Tests in ELA (3-8), Math (3-8), and Science (5,8) along with the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Tests (NYSESLAT).
- The Algebra Regents was given on June 4th. The Living Environment Regents will be given on June 14th, and the Spanish Proficiency Exam on June 24th

### **Curriculum for the 2024-25 School Year**

- District 20 Superintendent, Dr. Pretto, has assured principals that there will be no required changes to the curricular programs that we are currently using.
- We will continue to administer diagnostic screeners for reading and math at the beginning of the school year, mid-year, and at the end of the school year, but slightly later than this past year.

## **Construction/Capital Projects Updates**

- The Library Upgrade Project began on May 22nd (after school hours). The negative is that the library space will be off-limits for the month of June. The positive is that it is realistic that we will have full access by the time students return in September.

The twelve portable bleachers have been delivered to the multi-purpose room. We are awaiting the matching blue wall padding, which will be installed at the front of the stage once the defunct receptacles are removed.

- The stage surface has already been refurbished (sanded and resealed).
- The four basketball backboards on the sides will be removed.
- We are awaiting word on the upgrades to the sound and lighting.

## **Summer Rising 2024**

- The PS/IS 229 building will 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 were released in MySchools on Wednesday, April 17th. Not all families who submitted applications will receive offers, as seats are limited. These families were automatically placed on the waitlist for all choices listed on their application.
- Our total seat target [NIA K-5, NIA 6-8, BCA K-5] is 545. We currently have 528 seats accepted.

## **Title I Status**

- It has been confirmed that we are receiving for Title I funding in 2024-25.
- There are two types of Title 1 programs: Targeted Assistance (TA) and Schoolwide Program (SWP). We have been designated as a Schoolwide Program.
- A Schoolwide Program addresses the educational needs of all students with comprehensive strategies for improving the whole school so that every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.
- We will need to hold a parent meeting to conduct the election of a Title 1 Parent Advisory Council Chairperson and an alternate. This meeting needs to be facilitated by our PTA president and must occur by September 27th, 2024.
- The Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) addresses the required components under Title 1 and serves as the Schoolwide Plan. The School Leadership Team consults with the Title 1 Parent Advisory Council chairperson regarding joint

development of the CEP, the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and the School-Parent Compact.

- The Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting is required to inform parents about the implementation of the school's Title I program and the strategies to improve student achievement and also to provide parents and families with information about how they can be involved in support of their children's education.

This required meeting must take place by October 21st, 2024.

- Title I schools must set aside a minimum of 1% of their total allocation to fund parent and family engagement activities [20K229 set-aside for 2024-25 = \$10,139]. The School Leadership Team and Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee must jointly agree upon the use of these funds to support increased parent and family engagement activities related to the improvement of student achievement.

**AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi**

- **Additional items of note**

**Questions were answered.**

**Citizens of the month were announced and congratulated**

**Meeting Adjourned 6:55pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary**

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