

Minutes of the P.S. 204 PTA Meeting Thursday, December 14, 2023 @6:00 P.M. via Zoom

Priscilla Tan (President)

Debra Thompson (Vice President)

Becky Wang (Treasurer)

Emily Chan (Financial Secretary)

Linda Lam (Recording Secretary)

Bonny Tan (Corresponding Secretary)

Roseann Sainato (Principal)

26 attendees in total

I. New PTA Minutes

A. President Updates

- A presentation from our school nurse Ms Desanto about when it is okay
 to send your child to school, when should your child stay home and when
 to call the doctor based on the symptoms of illness your child may be
 experiencing.
- 2. Our snack sale will now include stationary, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners priced between \$1-\$3
- 3. Snowman soup will be given out to the students around December 20th with a special guest.
- 4. This week we will also be selling stocking stuffers during the lunch break ranging from \$1-\$5.



- 5. Tomorrow is our third annual Festival of Lights at 5pm. Festival of Lights is like a block party with tree lighting and sing-a-longs. There will be a hot chocolate truck along with various other vendors. Ms Argo and Ms Carlucci will be fundraising for relay for life as well. Anyone interested in volunteering please send us an email, we appreciate all the help.
- 6. 5th grade graduation pictures and photo retake will take place on January 18th, 2024. If you are interested in volunteering that day please send us an email at ps204pta@gmail.com
- 7. Please submit birthday grams by the first of the birthday month.
- 8. Scholastic Book Fair will take place February 5th to 9th. More information to follow.
- 9. The lion dance for Chinese New Year will take place on February 13th.

B. Principal Updates

- The schoolyard has been officially open for the students on Tuesday but there are a few items that need to be completed so for liability reasons they can not open the playground to the public. The admin team will have another recess plan to utilize the schoolyard as best and as safe as possible. The playground should be open to the public after June 2024. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony with the school community.
- 2. Safer access initiative has been developed after school shootings have occurred. The initiative will have the school doors locked while school is in session. If access is needed, the visitor must ring the bell and explain to Ms Luna, our security guard, what they are there for. ID must be shown and the security guard will then allow access into the school. This will be in effect Monday.
- 3. Report cards will be given out on the 12th and can also be accessed on your myschools account. If you are having any issues with your myschools account, Ms Salina is here to guide you and answer any questions. Tuesdays are parent engagement time so if you have any further questions on your child's academic progress send a message via remind to your child's teacher.



- 4. We are continuing along with our HMH curriculum with our consultants, Ms Pack and Ms Steingberg. They have helped us to know and understand the NYS standards and better prepare the teachers for small group instruction and a more individualized teaching approach.
- C. Treasurer's Report

December 2023

- Opening balance-\$17,763.31
- Total Income-\$10,205.13
- Total Expenses-\$5,067.48
- Closing balance-\$22,900.96
- Approved by Johanna and Deborah
- II. Consideration of Open issues
 - A. Are phone calls to the school about a child's absence put on record? Yes, all phone calls for absences will be logged and attached as an excused absence. Absences can be excused with a doctor's note or a call to the school.
 - B. A parent asked if another program is needed since Iready is not challenging for her first grader? Iready is a learning path and we can speak with his teacher tomorrow to see his Iready learning path and get back to you.
 - C. A parent asked if her son could opt out of the school eye test because the school test said her son needed glasses but previous eye exams outside of school said he was fine. A letter to opt out can be written during the vision screening time of year. This along with the letter from an ophthalmologist saying the child was already examined would be sufficient.
 - D. Iready can be accessed through teachhub. If you do not have access, please send the students name and class so Ms Racioppo can look into it.
 - E. Iready assignments vary by teacher.
 - F. Will all grades be taking the Iready diagnostic test in January? Yes.
- III. Approval of Minutes



A. Approved by Becky and Jennifer

- IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting
 - 1. The next meeting will be held on Zoom on January 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM
 - 2. The minutes were adjourned by Priscilla Tan at 6:58 PM