

Minutes of the P.S. 204 PTA Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2024

@6 p.m. via zoom

Present at Meeting

Priscilla Tan (President)

Debra Thompson (Vice President)

Becky Wang (Treasurer)

Emily Chan (Financial Secretary)

Linda Lam (Recording Secretary)

Bonny Tan (Corresponding Secretary)

Ms Bonomoulo (Assistant Principal)

50 attendees in total

I. New PTA Minutes

- A. Special presentation of college savings program, NYC Kids Rise, by Ms. Sinead Keegan.
- B. New snack sale schedule will be Mondays and Fridays
- C. There will be a Valentine's Day sale of fresh roses for \$5 per rose. Flyers will be handed out next week
- D. Scholastic Book Fair will take place on 2/6/2024 and 2/8/2024. Families can send their children in with cash or set up an E-wallet for their child on the scholastic website. Money leftover in the child's E-wallet can be converted into a giftcard.
- E. Fifth grade graduation pictures and picture retake date will be on 1/18/2023. Anyone interested in volunteering please email ps204pta@gmail.com



- F. The lunar New year lion dance is coming up in February. PTA is looking for the donation of red envelopes to be used during the lion dance. All donations can be dropped off at the front desk with security.
- G. Title 1 PAC will host culture night on 2/12/2024, 5:30 to 7pm. Please return the forms that were sent out if you are interested in participating or attending by January 16th. Participants will be able to use a table from the school. It is up to the parents how they would like to showcase their culture. If anyone has anything in particular they would like to have for this night please send it to Ms. Bugge. Anyone interested in volunteering can come at 4:30 to help set up or send an email to ps204pta@gmail.com.
- H. Barclays fundraiser is still going on with new events such as the Harlem GlobeTrotters that have been added on. PLease purchase tickets through 204's Barclays page and if a link is needed please email the PTA or see chat for the link.

II. Principal Updates

- A. Our second visit to check on the implementation of NYC reads is coming up. Someone from the city and District 20 will be visiting K-5th grade classrooms. They want to see how we are utilizing HMH inter-reading resources. Feedback will be given after this visit and implementation will be continued to work on. Another visit is scheduled for May.
- B. Respect week will take place starting 2/12/2024. Each day will be a different theme to support diversity and inclusion. Monday children can wear a sports theme item, Tuesday the child can wear something to showcase their culture, Wednesday is wear pink or red day, Thursday we wear yellow to support friendship and Friday we wear black in support of black out bullying.
- C. We are in the second periodic assessment window. ELA, Acadience, and Iready diagnostics have started and the results will be used to regroup for academic intervention. Academic intervention is used to provide support for students not making as much progress.
- D. Fifth graders will be participating in computer based testing for all NYS ELA, math and science exams. Within the next 3 years all students will be taking those assessments on the computer. All schools must administer a simulated computer based testing assessment for each of the subject areas that the students will be tested in. Our fifth grade class is scheduled to do the ELA simulation Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The math simulation will be done next Friday, followed by the science simulation the following Friday, 1/20. Students with IEP already have their accommodations inputted into the computer so that they can receive any support that they need during the testing.



- E. Outdoor recess started last week. There is a schedule rotation for the students to use the schoolyard during recess so it is organized, safe and everyone can enjoy all parts of the school yard. On days when the weather is poor we will revert back to the indoor recess schedule rotating the playroom use.
- F. Senior trip will be at Dave and Busters in Staten Island. It will be a Wednesday within the first 2 weeks of June, which is half off. A senior trip letter will be sent out with more information about senior dues and senior activities. Remember that parents need to fill out a form for senior hoodies to submit before the 16th and that yearbook ad space is still available for purchasing.
- G. Ms Bonomolo shares a slide show on our attendance initiative, attend today, achieve tomorrow. Too many absences keep students from succeeding in school.
- II. Treasurer report
 - Opening balance- \$22,900.96
 - Total Income- \$8,967.56
 - Total Expenses- \$5,991.75
 - Closing balance- \$25,876.77
 - Approved by Linda Lam and Bonny Tan
- III. Consideration of Open issues / Add to this- depending on what is on the agenda
- IV. Recap of December Minutes. Approved by Emily Chan and Bonny Tan
- V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Zoom on February 8, 2024 at 6pm The minutes were adjourned by Priscilla Tan at 7:34 PM.