

# Minutes of the P.S. 204 PTA Meeting Thursday, November 9, 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

- 1. The Spiritwear store will open tomorrow and flyers will be placed in the children's folder.
- 2. Gobblegram flyers were sent out last week and will be due tomorrow, 11/10/2023. Extra forms are by the security desk if needed.
- 3. Our third annual Festival of Lights will be held on December 15th, 5pm to 8pm. The tree lighting will start at 6pm and vendors will be there as well.
- 4. Halloween movie night had some technical issues but the families that attended enjoyed getting together and seeing their friends outside of class.
- 5. Flaminghouls fundraiser was a huge success and we are hoping for it to become a tradition at P.S. 204. We managed to get close to 300 flaminghoul orders.



 Remember that birthday grams are due before the first of the month of birthday. If anyone submitted the form and their child did not go home with one, please email the PTA at ps204pta@gmail.com

# B. Principal Updates

- Thank you to the PTA for such memorable events such as the flaminghouls and the senior Halloween dance. The feedback from the dance were magnificient. The Halloween parade as well, with the decorations and music, it all made for a wonderful event.
- 2. The beginning of year screeners, Acadience and Iready, provided information on kids who are on grade level, below grade level and those who are exceeding grade level. We are beginning to target the students who are falling a year or two below grade level with our academic intervention service. We progress monitor which means we follow them for a few weeks to see if any progress is being made. If no improvements are made in a few weeks, we will decide on another program or more explicit instructions we can provide so these students progress academically. In addition to our AIS providers, we have Ms. Zucker who does read and recovery in addition to taking on some of the academic service students. We have Ms. Deverdino who will be working closely with our kindergarten students. She will be working with sound sensible, which is a lot of phonemic awareness. Progress is being made and if it isn't we will revisit in a couple of weeks to further assess what can be provided.
- 3. Ms. Bugge provided the interpreters for families during the parent teacher conference. It's a very tedious task that she did well with and allowed families to be a part of a successful parent teacher conference. I am looking forward to continuing the interpretation of the parent teacher conference with the available budget to have that opportunity. Report cards will be distributed in December and our Interreading module one has been completed. End of module assessment has been taken and scores have been shared with families at the parent teacher conference. The scores along with grading policies will be sent out with report cards.
- 4. The principal pro performance is a visit done to observe the principal. It was scheduled for today with the deputy superintendent Dr. O'Brien. However, he was unable to make it and it will be rescheduled. I will give the date it will be rescheduled for and talk further about the findings upon his visit.



- 5. Level one has been completed in the search for our assistant principal. After level 1, 3 candidates proceed to level 2 which took place this past Monday. Only one person is able to move forward from level 2. That person has been selected and needs to be screened and passed. There will be an SLT meeting to let them know a decision was made for the new assistant principal position. Most likely she will be here at the next PTA meeting.
- Question: Is there a school yard completion update?
   Answer: Last update is that it is supposed to be open in November. No other updates have been shared

# C. Upcoming Events

- 1. November
  - a) Gobblegram is a Thanksgiving cookie made at a nut free facility. We would like to deliver the cookies on 11/20/2023. Extra order forms are by the security desk

## 2. December

- a) Holiday market will be held hopefully the second or third week of December during the snack sale. Flyers with more information will go out the first week of December.
- b) Festival of Lights on 12/15/2023 @ 5pm. Flyers for the purchase of christmas trees and bows will go out end of November

### D. Treasurer report

### October 2023

- Opening balance- \$16,514.71
- Total Income- \$9,926.66
- Total Expenses- \$8,678.06
- Closing balance- \$17, 763.31
- Approved by: Jessica Ramirez-Cabral and Emily Chan

## E. Recap of October minutes

- 1. Approved by Becky Wang and Jessica Ramirez-Cabral
- II. Consideration of Open issues



- 1. Poll for approval to use \$499 of PTA funds to replace the wifi pad. This will fix the school's LED sign that has been broken for over a year.
  - a) 88% voted to approve the use of the funds.
- 2. Special thank you to Jessica and Juliana for helping with the Halloween dance. Thank you to all the moms who volunteered to pack the halloween treat bags and help during movie night. The movie night gave an opportunity for the PTA to collaborate with Ms. Argo and raise \$123 for Relay for Life. It has been great having all this support from the parents.
- 3. A special acknowledgement was made to the teachers and staff by Ms Dennis for the wonderful job they did during the parent teacher conference. She was able to speak to all of her first grader's teachers including the cluster teachers.
- 4. There is a possible Brooklyn Robot Foundry collaboration with P.S. 204. It will be a 10 week program starting in January. A survey will be sent out asking parents for their opinions on what kind of clubs and schedules they are interested in. This program will start for kids in grade 3 and up because it requires some math and some ability to work on their own.
- 5. Question: Will there be any activities for younger grades? Yes we are looking into activities for the younger grades as well. Perhaps a sports club. We spoke to Ms. Sainato about renting the school's gym and it is doable but will require permits and some expense.
- 6. Question: Is it possible to do some type of celebration for Hispanic Heritage Month or a multicultural event? Absolutely. There is a survey that will be sent out regarding cultures and traditions to bring back the celebrations that we weren't able to do due to covid. We want to be inclusive and touch upon everyone's culture and traditions at P.S. 204. Ms Bugge has been an SEL liaison for many years and suggested the survey to see what we can do at P.S. 204 to celebrate and to move it foward. If the survey has not been received I will look into that and get back to you with an answer.
- 7. Just a reminder that gobblegrams are due tomorrow. If you are a vendor and interested in participating in the Festival of Lights please email me at <a href="mailto:ps204pta@gmail.com">ps204pta@gmail.com</a>. If you would like to know more about our PTA events please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and also our schools website.
- III. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting:
  - A. The next meeting will be held on Zoom on December 14th, at 6:00 P.M.
  - B. The minutes were adjourned by Priscilla Tan at 6:47PM.



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