



Ps/Is 229

Parent-Teacher Association

Date, Time, and Location: January 17th, 2023 6:00 -6:55pm. Zoom

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 12/20/2022 meeting were read and approved by Paula Kubis.

Officers' Reports given by Jennifer Jansen and Jaime Palazzi

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

Old Business was given by Co-President Jennifer Jansen

1. For anyone who took picture retakes, they should be in this week.
2. We are currently running another Nets fundraiser, money is due March 1st and the game is for March 16 th . All info was emailed out.
3. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to Jurassic World, we sold out and raised \$314.
4. Square 1 art paper was sent home to all students. We encourage each child to submit some artwork. It is due by February 15. Square 1 will then send each parent a brochure where you can put your child's artwork on a number of items from magnets to mugs. You are not obligated to purchase anything and all original artwork will be returned.
5. Thursday January 26 th is our final dance of the year and it is for middle school only. Tickets are \$10 and there will be a dj, snacks, pizza and goody bags to go home with. Any student attending the dance cannot go home and they cannot go to NIA. At dismissal, they will be sent to the cafeteria until the dance starts at 3:00. The dance ends at 5:00 and any student being

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picked up will be released through the 14 th avenue exit. The last day to send in money for tickets is this Thursday the 19 th ! We will not be accepting tickets after that.

6. Senior dues are now past due. The money covers the cap and gown, 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. PTA dues are still being accepted so you can still send them in if you have not done so.

New Business was given by Co-president Jaime Palazzi

1. I will be backpacking home letters asking for email addresses. At this moment we are one of the only ways to get information and we are missing a lot of email addresses. If you are on this meeting then we have your email address so please disregard the letter. We are only looking for people who are not getting emails from us, please do not send us your email address again.

2. We will be doing our Valentine's Day Hersheygram fundraiser again this year. For those who do not know, we will be selling Hershey bars for \$3 that come with special labels on them and students can send them to their friends or family members. You can also send them to your children. On Valentine's Day they are hand delivered to each class. Letters will be sent home soon. It begins on the 30 th and ends on February 13 th so they can be sent out first thing in the morning on the 14 th .

3. On February 8 th , NIA and the PTA will once again team up to have our annual Dessert night in the cafeteria. It's just like the potluck but this time everyone brings dessert instead. We are working on a new name and changing some things up so as soon as we get more details I will send out an email and backpack a letter home.

4. Our Miss Chocolate spring fundraiser will begin on February 13 th and will run until March 6 th . Once again, preK through 5 th grade will get catalogues sent home and middle school will be able to purchase online only. The student who sells the most will get a \$25 amazon gift card.

5. For the first time since 2020, our Valentine's Day Bake Sale is back! We will be doing a modified version of it, however. In the past, it was an all day event and parents could come. This time, it will be held during recess only. Prek and K will come down earlier and then the rest of the students will be there at lunchtime. We sell both store bought and homemade baked goods. The PTA does purchase items for this event, but the whole sale is really reliant on you, the parents and guardians. We are asking that everyone either sends in something store bought or something you baked at home, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. No cakes please as we cannot cut them. We will also selling valentines items. A letter will be sent home and you will be given the opportunity to volunteer for the sale.

6. February 27 th our spring Spirit Wear fundraiser will begin.

7. We will be holding a Yankees fundraiser this year! I will send out the letters as soon as I get the final details from our rep, but I can tell you that the game is on May 13 th and it is against the Rays. It's the day before Mother's day so it would make a nice gift. The tickets will be \$55 and every ticketholder will receive a free drink, hotdog and backpack. Currently, only 50 tickets are being reserved so its first come, first served.

8. Our annual Souper Bowl food drive will begin on January 26 th and end on February 16 th . We ask that families bring in canned food, packaged foods like soup, pasta and rice or drinks like juice boxes. We cannot accept any cans that are dented or have no labels, homemade food or food that needs to be refrigerated. There will be a box by the elevators starting on the 26 th.

9. The lost and found in our office is now closed. We have way too many items and no one is claiming them even though I sent out a ton of pictures. This means that whatever your child has lost since returning from the holiday break is sitting in a bin outside of our office and they will have to look through it themselves. I go through it every few days and anything with a name on it gets returned immediately. In the next few weeks, in order to make room in our office for more items, I will be sending out last call pictures. We have items going back to September that no one is claiming. I'll send out the pictures one last time and if they still are not claimed, they will be donated, and we will have room to take in more

items. Label your kids items!

10. Once again we are asking for snack shack volunteers. We need reliable people who will be able to help out a few times a month. You can make your own schedule and the hours are 11:15-1:45. You must be vaccinated. We don't want to have to shut down snack shack because we need the money, but Jennifer and I cannot do it all the time while running the pta, especially because we have a lot of things coming up that will be taking up too much of our time. We need help.

11. On to the fun stuff, 8 th grade graduation! We understand that there are people who need to take the day off so I can tell you that the graduation ceremony has been booked and it will take place at Dyker Golf Course on Thursday, June 22 nd . Once again it will be in two sessions, one at 9:30am and the other at 11:30am. We do not know what classes will be graduating at what session, and we wont know that until June. I do want to let everyone know now so they have about 5 months to plan, every student will receive 3 tickets and 3 tickets only (the graduating student does not need one). This is due to a capacity limit. We will not be giving out any more than three tickets so please plan accordingly.

12. Last week I handed out forms to the 8 th graders to see if they wanted a prom. We had a lot of no's and some didn't even bother to fill it out, but we did receive about 30 yeses and I would love to have something for them. I have already started working on it and I am in touch with a few caterers. I will be sending out letters asap and I can tell you the cost will be \$50 a student and it will be held in the school. As long as we have at least 30 students that pay, the prom will go on.

13. We would like to have a vote on amending our budget. We currently have the plant sale on our budget but due to a few logistical issues, we will not be holding one this year so we need to take it off. We also need to add \$400 to the budget for the events we partner up with NIA. Anyone opposed? I will send out the amended budget later on.

Important Dates

1. January 20th is Spirit Day – Pajama Day! No nightgowns or footed pajamas please.
2. January 26 th is the middle school dance.
3. January 30 th Hersheygrams begin
4. February 10 th is Spirit Day – Sports Day! Wear your favorite team shirts or jerseys.
5. February 13 th Miss Chocolate begins
6. February 14 th is our bake sale and Spirit Day – wear red, white, pink or purple for Valentines Day
7. School will be closed February 20 th to the 24 th for Winter Break
8. February 27 th spirit wear begins
9. February 28 th will be our next PTA meeting

The Principal's report was given by Mr. Kirk

Construction-Related Updates

- The remaining part of the project continues on Benson Avenue side of the building. There had been some delay when they discovered there were some deteriorated beams after excavation around the foundation of the original building. Therefore, we now expect wrapping up in the next few weeks.
- Landscaping and tree re-planting must be moved to spring 2023 (April).
- The next Progress Meeting will take place on 1/25/2023

Kindergarten Application Window

- The application is now open with a deadline of Friday, January 20, 2023. All families who apply by the deadline will receive a kindergarten offer in April.
- Families can apply to Kindergarten in one of three ways: online at MySchools, over the phone by calling 718-935-2009, or by visiting their local family welcome center

Middle School Applications and High School Applications

- High school offers will be released in March.
- Middle school offers will be released in April.
- If you have questions, you can speak with Ms. Kmec, guidance counselor or Ms. Abrams, parent coordinator

Mid-Year Adjustments to School Budgets

- Because our enrollment is a bit higher than projected for this year, on or about November 17 the school received an additional \$144k in Tax Levy Fair Student Funding as a result of Mid-Year Adjustment Round #1
- Funds have been allocated for teacher planning, supplies, absence coverage, online supports for students (including IXL and -Ready Personalized Instruction), and afterschool opportunities.
- We expect Mid-Year Adjustment Round #2 to be the end of January/beginning of February. It will be the remaining 25%, so most likely around \$35,000

Acadience and I-ready vlic-rear Assessments

- These quick assessments for reading and math (3 times per year) help us to monitor students' progress and to adjust our instruction to better meet their needs.
- Should be completed during the school day by January 31st.

ELA, Math and Title III afterschool programs

- Will begin the week of February 6th and continue through the week of March 30th
- Parents/families will be notified if their child(ren) qualifies for one of these programs.

Take a Bite Out of Bullying workshop for families AND dessert night

- Will take place in person, here at the school on Wednesday, February 8th 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
- Topics will include: Bullying versus Conflict; Citywide Discipline Codes; What happens when an incident is reported; Preventing Bullying and Conflict
- This informative workshop will be followed by the return of our Annual Dessert Night, so come get better informed and eat some delicious desserts too!!

CEC Elections

- 2023 is an election year for the Community Education Councils, so please consider running for a seat and be sure to vote
- SEE attached flyer.

AP Cuthill, AP Mui, and AP Tipaldi

- Any additional items of note

Questions were .

Students of the month were announced.

Meeting Adjourned 6:55 pm. Mariia Maksymenko, Secretary

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