I.S. 96 PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023 @ 5:30pm

President- Jennifer Goddard Treasurer- Marco Pirozzi Recording Secretary- Stephanie Pettway-Ozman Vice President- Theresa Rizzo Corresponding Secretary- Tracy Field

Financial Secretary- Vacant Virtual Support Liaison- Lisbeth Lopez

Motion to open meeting @ 5:30 PM

Call to order:

- Shared conversation code for Microsoft Translator app for parents who need translation
- Reviewed meeting agenda
- Attendance participation Google form (Link, dropped in the chat and on the meeting agenda)
- PTA executive board members present and introduced to general membership: Jennifer Goddard, Marco Pirozzi, Theresa Rizzo, Stephanie Pettway-Ozman, Tracy Field, Lisbeth Lopez
- Opening raffle giveaway won by parent Felicia Clamat 1 set of 4 tickets to Bronx Zoo donated by parent coordinator Brenda Morales

Approval of Sept 19 2023 Minutes:

- Sept 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary Stephanie Pettway-Ozman based on Zoom transcript were dropped in the chat during the meeting and reviewed by general membership.

President's Report

- Old business
 - PTA Executive Board vacancy asked if anyone is interested in running for the financial secretary position.
 - None interested so tabled for November 21, 2023 meeting
- New business
 - Vote to decide on format, day, and time of PTA general membership meetings to update bylaws and convoluted pandemic-related language currently in them.
 - Shared bylaws in chat and on screen
 - Motion to propose new language for bylaws Article VI, Section I to clean up pandemic language re format we meet in (virtual, in-person, hybrid) and day/time
 - Motion by Corresponding Secretary Tracy Field and Vice President Theresa Rizzo
 - Presented vote via Zoom chat to members for hybrid, in-person, and virtual format at 5:30, 6:00, and 6:30 times or either 3rd or 4th Tuesday of the month.
 - o Majority of parents voted for virtual meetings on 3rd Tuesday of month at 6:00 p.m.
 - 10 of 36 parents voted for virtual and:
 - 3 parents voted for 5:30
 - 5 parents voted for 6:00
 - 2 parents voted for 6:30
 - Will amend bylaw language and present to general membership at next meeting for final approval at 11/21/23 general membership meeting
- Committee sign-up sheet shared for events that we're planning to do towards the end of the month, including 6th grade movie night (events committee and fundraising committee)
- Announced kickoff of fundraiser with World's Finest Chocolate, will continue throughout year

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• Shared sale details and link in chat for sign-up form to purchase box(es) from Parent Coordinator Brenda Morales in room 229, who is handling sales on behalf of PTA

Treasurer's Report

PTA Monthy Financial Report 2023 – Treasurer, Marco Pirozzi (September 2023 – October 2023)

(Report was shared on screen)

Opening balance: \$3633.08

Income: \$ 629.00 (Donations \$629.00)

(see report for more details)

Expenses: \$100.00 (President Council Membership Dues

(see report for more details)

Closing balance: \$4362.08

Principal's Report

- Upcoming events: Bowling trips for seventh grade, and a cooking trip seventh grade and a cooking trip for eighth grade October 26 they're going to the local high schools to the culinary arts programs. Green acres farm for sixth grade but specifically it is for the zoology and cooking classes, culinary arts in sixth grade, and David Buster's trip for November 15, 2023. Family event this weekend October 20 first paint and chill.
- Students have taken their i-ready diagnostic and then students will be placed in small groups accordingly. October is national anti-bullying month. High school family workshop for eighth grade families. Clubs will start 11/14/23 one club and one academic program
- Vote on 6 PROSE half days for teacher professional development proposed by Principal Herruso
- Goal is to have greater comprehension and precision in academic and emotional vocabulary through literacy across disciplines and through specially designed small group and instruction.
- School Leadership Team Report now meeting at 5pm to accommodate Title I and PTA parents

Guest speaker: Ms. Hunter (7th grade counselor)

- Help protect your child from cyberbullying–staff has received this training as well as our students about mental health, educational things that we're working on at the school.
- o Ms. Levine is our crisis team leader. Ms Liz Brown who is the next social worker in our school.
- Miss Diana and Mr. Rob who are our social and they are a crisis counseling and group work.
- Explained the signs of bullying and shared contact info for additional questions/concerns



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- Next meeting 11/21/2023
- Attendance <u>Google form</u> shared in chat again
- Closing raffle won by parent Jennifer Diaz (child in 6th grade) 1 set of 4 tickets to Bronx Zoo donated by parent coordinator Brenda Morales
- Motion to adjourn called by Theresa Rizzo and Susan Chin at 6:42 p.m.