



I.S. 96 PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:00pm

President- Jennifer Goddard **Treasurer-** Marco Pirozzi **Recording Secretary-** Stephanie Pettway-Ozman
Vice President- Theresa Rizzo **Corresponding Secretary-** Tracy Field
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Motion to open meeting

Motioned by: Jennifer Goddard/general membership @ 6:00 PM

Call to order last meeting minutes reviewed, dropped in the chat

- Attendance form (link put in chat)
- PTA executive board members present: Jennifer Goddard, Marco Pirozzi, Theresa Rizzo, Tracy Field, Lisbeth Lopez
- Goddard explains that all parents of Seth Low students are members of PTA even if they are not on the board

Agenda reviewed and PTA board introduced

Opening raffle for meeting attendees

- Goddard introduced raffle/Theresa Rizzo spins wheel
- Winning parent: Carmen Tambriz (6th grade parent)
- Winning parent from 12/19/23 meeting still owed t-shirt by Principal Herusso: Tea Kolotashvili

Approval of November 21, 2023 Minutes

- Goddard expresses if there are any objections to please voice concerns/if any edits should be made
 - No member objects

President's Report

- January 19th - Movie Night
 - PTA worked in close partnership with school administration, teachers, staff
 - Even with winter weather, over 40 students attended 7th grade movie night
 - Goddard shared presentation of what movie night looked like - students/some parents wore PJs - had a lot of fun
 - Parents and teachers transformed the auditorium into a movie theater
 - Pizza/snacks
 - Goddard thanks Beacon and united community schools for all that they did
- Next Movie Night event: January 25th (all grades and families invited) - free event, snack packs available though for \$5
 - Principal Herusso explains that we send out a link for RSVP to get a headcount before Herusso and
 - Permission slips are accepted until the day of the event
 - Goddard asks if parents would like to come early on Thursday 1/25 to help set up for event



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- Goddard shares 3-K and Pre-K Admissions information
- Goddard shares High School Admissions information
 - Admissions now closed
 - High school offer release March 7
 - See [myschools.nyc](https://myschools.nyc.gov) for all HS information
- NYPD is hiring and to visit nypdjobs.nypdonline.org
 - Urgent need for school crossing guards and school safety
- Food menus shared for parents interested in what is being served at school for lunch
- February 16 - next half day
 - Principal Herusso explains that for half days, there are after school activities for parents that would like their children to stay for the full day instead
 - Parents are notified a week before about this opportunity to sign their children up
 - Important upcoming dates - next PD day for staff is January 29 (students have classes)
- February 19-23 Midwinter recess
- NYS testing dates/Regents exam dates shared
- Next CEC D21 Meeting is February 28 at 6 PM - Goddard highly recommends for parents to attend, it is important to hear what is going on in the schools, stay informed, learn what expectations are. Goddard shares an example from CEC in December where limiting class sizes was a controversial subject in discussion
 - Both in person and zoom options shared
 - Goddard encourages parents to be parent leaders/explains there are many opportunities for parents
 - PTA, PAC, SLT, Community Education, City Wide Level opportunities
 - Goddard expresses how parent voices matter at any level

Treasurer's Report

- Marco Pirozzi shares financial report for January 2024
 - 1/19 Movie night \$190 purchase for snacks
 - \$4,642.62 is the current balance (no income this month)
- Pirozzi shares links in the chat for all members of meeting to view current financial standings
- Pirozzi expresses that the interim yearly report will be shared at the next PTA meeting when finalized
- World's Famous Chocolate sale update: sold out!
- Will continue to sell; more boxes (15) in Ms. Morales' office - Ms. Morales point person for chocolate sale (later on in meeting, Goddard shares specifics about chocolate sale: pricing, info, etc.)



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Principal's Report

- Herusso begins to discuss College Access week at Seth Low (January 16-19)
 - Ms. Dockery's, News Crew (after school program/elective) put together a trailer for college week
 - Herusso shared video during meeting
 - Students, teachers, college representatives were featured having conversations, sharing information
 - Full coverage of college week video still in the making
 - Herusso shares specifics
 - 6th grade participated in a panel talk in auditorium on January 17
 - 7th grade attended a college fair in the 3rd floor gym on January 17
 - 8th grade will attend college visit trips this month/february
 - Herusso shares the specific dates and colleges students will be visiting
 - Colleges were chosen by students via a survey
- Old News
 - Iready (ELA and Math) - at 88% student completion
 - We only have preliminary scores right now
 - Will share full scores next month after all complete
 - Community Service Projects
 - Has been incredible
 - Students, teachers, counselors thought outside the box
 - All realized how much of a difference they can make (cleaned beaches and parks, spread joy, toy drives)
 - Students picked up 50 pounds of trash
 - Students honored 62nd precinct by writing/reading them a poem
 - Raised money to save animals - axolotls
 - Herusso and Amanda Smith shared pictures and information about the projects - shared photos of students w/ senator, our kids were also featured in Brooklyn Eagle newspaper
- Brooklyn Nets Clinic (January 19)
 - All students were included (not a pride event)
 - All basketball kids were involved as well as students interested in athletics
 - Herusso/admin used a "wheel of names" so that all kids got a chance at being one of the 150 students to participate
- Winter Concert (January 18)
 - Beautiful event that showcased students talents



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- News cast team is currently putting together a video - will be shared next PTA meeting
- Goddard added that the decorations from the winter dance were able to be repurposed for the winter concert
- **New Business**
 - Family movie night coming up on Thursday January 25
 - Hopes that it will be just as successful as the others
 - Service projects were started in response to SEL baseline
 - In house SEL Baseline survey was administered to students in December which revealed two focus areas:
 - Self Efficacy
 - Emotional Regulation
 - Next Steps: Tailored weekly advisory lessons to incorporate regulation strategies and confidence building activities and resources
 - City Wide Student Perception surveys coming this week
 - Upcoming parent workshops (Family Support)
 - Herusso introduces “Elevate”
 - More virtual than in person
 - Explains that after the pandemic, students and adults alike need to work on engagement and social/emotional skills
 - Self reflection: What are we doing at home to make our children better students? How can we best support our children?
 - The Parent Program focuses on: Time Management, Home Study Environment, Goal Setting and Motivation, Stress Management, Beating Procrastination, and Conflict/Bullying
 - FYI: a bullying workshop will also take place for children
- **Coffee and Conversations with the Principal launching**
 - There will be a survey to parents to see if morning or evening would be better for them
 - Just a conversation with Ms. Herusso - informal, no pressure, an opportunity for your voice to be heard in a different way
- Herusso thanks parents for sharing their kids with her/Seth Low
- Herusso and Goddard open the floor up for questions

Old Business

- **No committee reports**
 - Goddard explains that it would be helpful to start up more committees



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- Events/Activities Committee
- Sales/Fundraising Committee
- Neither are currently active/Goddard gives parents the opportunity to fill out a form and sign up for them
- Goddard would like to have a Valentine's bakesale - is looking into it
- Goddard reminds that family engagement = student success
- PTA Vacancy
 - Goddard announces that a financial secretary position is open
 - Explains the role - opens the position to the group (no one is interested)
- Barclays Center Ticket Reminder
 - Tickets being sold for events at Barclays center at discounted rates - dates/events on Seth Low website/have been sent out to staff and parents
 - Sold 20 tickets for Disney on Ice
 - Sold 2 tickets for circus (today)
- Need parent volunteers for upcoming movie night thursday January 25 (shares link to sign up)
 - Please come at 5:00 if you can, to help set up
- Goddard says fundraising just for the sake of it is not what we are interested in
 - We would like to offer a lot of events that kids would have fun at
 - Events that support student learning and PTA
- Goddard opens the floor and asks who PTA should have as next guest speaker - this will be thought through
 - Goddard mentions "Elevate" (program launched by Herusso)
 - This is a great opportunity for parents, Goddard will be attending
- Goddard shares attendance form for current meeting
- Next PTA meeting is announced - February 27, 2024 at 6 PM

Closing raffle for meeting attendees

- Goddard introduced raffle/Theresa Rizzo spins wheel
- Winning parent: Maria Memehua (7th grade parent)
- FYI: Herusso can send out order forms for shirts/merchandise for parents that want items, but have not won a raffle - this could be a good form of income for PTA as well / PTA raffles are items donated by Seth Low
- *Goddard shares all links mentioned in the meeting and reminds parents to go to the Seth Low website/ see "Family Resources/PTA" sections.



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Motion to adjourn meeting

Motioned by: Jennifer Goddard, Lisbeth Lopez, and Theresa Rizzo @ 7:32 PM