



PS 185 PTA

General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

Date: February 13, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 7:03pm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Christina Marasco, Co-President
- a. **Quorum Confirmed:** Grace Ng Rahmé, Co-Secretary
- II. **President's Report**
 - a. **Membership fees:** can donate anytime this year: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/ps-185-pta-2023-2024-membership-drive>
 - b. **PTA Website:** For the latest PTA events and important dates, please visit our new website: www.ps185.org
 - c. **Thank you to:**
 - i. Parents for being patient with the DOE tech issues this morning and getting the kids logged on for remote learning;
 - ii. Catherine Crabtree for organizing movie night where we sold a lot of concessions and apparel;
 - iii. Jen Kruger, Ms. Funaro, and Ms. Horan for organizing the amazing HMH Into Reading workshop with 60 parents attending where D20 Superintendent Dr. Pretto stayed for 2.5 hrs answering questions.
 - d. **Book of the Month:** "What if everybody said that?" By Ellen Javernick chosen by Ms. La Manna. It's about how what we say affects others.
 - e. **Upcoming Important Dates**
 - i. 2/13 PTA Meeting (Virtual)
 - ii. 2/15 – anti-bullying event using bike tricks to teach respect for all
 - iii. **2/19 - 2/23 Midwinter Recess - School Closed**
 - iv. 3/7 Parent Teacher Conference
 - v. 3/8 Spring Gala
 - vi. 3/13 Traveling Lantern Theater
 - vii. 3/14 SLT Meeting
 - viii. 3/19 PTA Meeting
 - ix. **3/29 - 4/1 Easter Weekend - School Closed**
 - x. [2023-2024 School Spirit Days](#)
- III. **Treasurer's Report (Kathryn Vlagic, Co-Treasurer)**
 - a. Financial Report: See Exhibit A
 - i. Starting Balance: \$62,715.77
 - ii. Revenue: \$19,434.01
 - iii. Expenses: \$11,0001.76
 - iv. End balance: \$71,148.02
 - b. Interim financials: See Exhibit B
 - i. PTA required to file statement of financial report twice a year (Sept – end of Dec)

IV. **Committee Updates (Michelle Magnus, Co-President)**

a. **SLT Report:**

i. **HMH Into Reading Curriculum:**

1. The Into Reading Workshop we had on February 2nd addressed a lot of parent concerns.
2. Dr. Pretto will also start holding more webinars for parents about the reading curriculum, which will be broken into two sessions based on grade levels.
3. First module teachers couldn't deviate because they didn't know it yet, but now we're starting to incorporate partner reading and whole book reading.
4. Module assessments are mandatory and selection quizzes are extra, but are being used to help teachers determine what to focus on when working with the students and creating centers/groups to support the students.
5. Teachers will plan to incorporate more writing into the curriculum.

ii. ***Other tests that DOE requires:** Acadience.

iii. **Reso A funding:** unlikely to happen this year because we got so much funding last year for air conditioners and technology, but plan to apply for funding for cafeteria renovations, which we hope to get for next year.

iv. **Library Committee:**

1. Ms. Funaro's friend volunteered to help clean it up, but now we need consistent parents to volunteer to run the library during the day for the remainder of the year.
2. Some gala funds will be used to redo the library next year to make it more interactive and fun (bean bags, sitting areas, mural, etc. – will work with teachers).

b. **Gala (Monique Elefterakis and Lynette Roggenkamp):**

- i. Friday 2/16 is deadline for purchasing gala tickets and will send out remind.
- ii. Raffle bundle tickets will be available for purchase until the end of February at discounted price of \$85, but on night of event it will be \$100.
- iii. Valentine's Day raffle winner gets free ticket and raffle package raffle \$20 by 2/1 to win entry ticket to gala and a complete raffle package of \$200 value.
- iv. No one gets physical gala or raffle bundles before gala. Night of event everyone will be on list and can pick up raffle bundles. Email confirmations will be sent to ticket holders.
- v. Mega raffle tickets will be given, but no need to bring actual ticket.
- vi. Bundle raffle tickets are picked up on site and from 7-8pm during check in and can drop raffle tickets in the prizes.
- vii. Still need volunteers and Monique will send out email asking for volunteers. Don't have to work the entire event. Can just volunteer for part of it. All volunteers will meet the night before at the venue in Dyker to do a run through.

c. **Apparel (Jilian Levinson):** Offering 20% off sale ends 10PM 2/13 for Spirit Day on 2/29. 185Spirit is special code for discount.

d. **Family Fun & Radio Bingo (Catherine Crabtree):** March 22nd will be art/yoga and radio bingo on 4/5 at Our Savior Lutheran Preschool gym (parents only, no kids)

e. **Talent Show (Tim Intravia):** April or May will have audition, not to evaluate, but to see what child might want to do. Not a competition and no prizes. Encourage students to do something they're good at and be a fully formed performance. Auditions, rehearsals and week before show will have a dry run. Actual show on 6/14. Form will be sent home in the next week or two.

f. **DEI Cultural Fair (Tiffany Grant):** Bringing back cultural fair on 5/17.

- i. Part 1 will be during school hours and interactive way for students to travel to different booths that parents and students will create. Need volunteer to help with passports, create flyers, coordinators for booths (between parents and teachers), musical showcase (coordinate with music teacher), art display.
- ii. Part 2 in the evening will be open to the entire community. Free for PS 185 families. Need many volunteers to recruit for various stations, cultural performances, flyers, tickets, permits, student performance and art display. Taekwondo, Greek dance, Egyptian dance, etc. Food truck or catering.
- iii. Email ps185ideacommittee@gmail.com

V. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Goudelias)**

- a. Got our Local Support and Improvement designation, which is the highest ranking recognition from the state as a high performing school.
- b. Justin Brannan gave us \$500K to improve our technology at the school this year. Meeting with advisors to select technology.
- c. Summer Rising will continue this year (location TBD) and will start 7/2 and end 8/8.
 - i. 8am to 12pm academics by DOE personnel
 - ii. 12pm to 6pm will be run by community based organization like NIA and Beacon.
 - iii. Friday will be Community Based Organizations with no academic support.
- d. Respect for All Week memo from La Manna.
 - i. Wear hearts and red tomorrow.
 - ii. Lessons for anti-bullying that students received by teachers.
 - iii. Peer mediators who have been trained by La Manna to help with conflicts between children and Friday will have assembly to introduce them to the student body.
- e. Construction:
 - i. Egresses — Exit on 86th St closed and will stay closed for 2 more months and then 87th St will be closed to excavate.
 - ii. Recess – now only have one exit. 5th grade playing while 3rd grade is eating and the only way to get them in safely is to do single file because it's narrow where the containers are. Can't fit K and other grade outside. Kids go out, walk, socialize, but can't let them run because it's not safe. Open Streets will open in a few weeks when weather warms up and offer more room for recess.
- f. Parent Coordinator, Jen Kruger, will send out invitation for more curriculum workshops that will take place after break to address additional questions.
- g. Vacation homework posted to Google classroom.
- h. Mock State Tests:
 - i. 2/27 there will be mock ELA test for grades 3-5. Grades 3 and 4 will take the test with pencil and paper. 5th grade is on computers.
 - ii. 3/8 there will be mock math test for grades 3-5.
- i. Q&A:
 - i. Why can't siblings who attend 185 attend the graduation? There isn't enough room.
 - ii. When will roof construction be completed? August 2024.
 - 1. This is why we need more open street volunteers to sign up consistently. (Michelle)
 - iii. What are the changes to the reading program at a high level? We have students of varying levels so we focus on small group instruction or station teaching, use the selection quizzes and that data to set up the stations that are appropriate for the children's reading levels. Math program also has an enrichment component. Project Based Learning has started on Fridays.

VI. Parent Coordinator Report

- a. Remote learning:
 - i. Thanks everyone for being patient with remote day.
 - ii. Global issues general DOE crashing because of overuse, but some individual issues were cleared up in terms of PW, but some glitch happening to handful of families unable to join class room and given error code that related to setting up camera or setting up QR code please email Jen so she can submit individual ticket with DEIT. When submitting request, include child's name and class. Send screenshot or photo from your phone if you can and write what you're experiencing.
 - iii. Make sure have school NYCSA account set up and can reach out to Jen if you're not sure you have one or need assistance.
- b. School surveys:
 - i. Expect every family to return survey quick questionnaire asking about your individual experience and goal is to report back to school feeling parents have about the school.
 - ii. Helps ID trends like bullying increasing or decreasing and pain points to address. Participation prizes like parties and activities for kids if there's 100% participation for class.
 - iii. <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nycdoe/login?language=en>
 - iv. Login is Lower case f followed by OSIS number
- c. Lending Library:
 - i. Located on 2nd floor up the stairs to the right.
 - ii. Bookcases now stocked with beautiful books for kids. No commitment library and can borrow book and return you can or can keep the book if you like it.
 - iii. Can share your own books that are in nice condition.
 - iv. Only one book title per slot because don't want it to look cluttered or kids will be less likely to book shop if it's not neat.
 - v. Can leave your books at Jen's office if no room on the shelf.
- d. Door Policy:
 - i. City changed door policy for school safety so we have the camera now.
 - ii. Rollout across the city is 18 months long and all schools are getting them so by March 2025 schools across the city will all have the same lock.
- e. College Savings Fund:
 - i. Child in K, 1, or 2 were given college savings account with \$100. Originally funded privately, but now city funded and will continue with each new K class. Can activate account anytime. Reach out to Jen if have questions or need help.
- f. Workshops after mid-winter break:
 - i. HMM workshops: Will have drill down workshop after break addressing assessments and screeners.
 - ii. Literacy at home workshop to support children with their reading at home.
 - iii. Workshop with La Manna on anti-bullying.
 - iv. Reach out if you have ideas for workshops to address a specific need.
- g. Winter break next week – have an amazing break.

VII. Christina: Adjourned at 8:09PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Please donate to the PTA during our membership drive. Every little bit helps. To donate go to: <https://ps-185-pta-2023-2024-membership-drive.cheddarup.com>
- Stay connected to PS 185:
 - School website: www.ps185.org
 - PTA website: www.ps185pta.org

- Facebook: PS 185 Parent Page (Please remember to answer the questions to be admitted to the group!)
- Instagram: ps185events
- Remind app: @ptaps185
- School Email: 20K185@schools.nyc.gov
- PTA Email: ptaps185@gmail.com

<u>2023-2024 PS 185 PTA Executive Board</u>	
Co-Presidents:	Christina Marasco & Michelle Magnus
Co-Vice-Presidents:	Ariel Intravia & Nicole Fusco-Evans
Co-Secretaries:	Kim Langel & Grace Ng Rahme
Co-Treasurers:	Kathryn Vlagic & Theresa Kovary

Exhibit A

ChkRef	Debit	Credit		Date	Description	Account	Acct Detail	Inc/Exp
Beg Bal 1/1	TOTAL EXPENSE	TOTAL INCOME	End Bal 1/31					
\$62,715.77	\$11,001.76	\$19,434.01	\$71,148.02					
		\$81.00		1/25/2024	CheddarUp Apparel ST-U6V7V5G5P9L2	Affinity...	Apparel	Income
		\$74.90		1/16/2024	Square Inc 240115P2 L210851695998	Affinity...	Apparel	Income
		\$54.44		1/16/2024	Square Inc 240115P2 L210851695999	Affinity...	Apparel	Income
		\$210.00		1/16/2024	DEPOSIT Apparel sold at Brain show evening	Affinity...	Apparel	Income
		\$139.00		1/9/2024	CheddarUp Apparel ST-P6P0F1C0G4I8	Affinity...	Apparel	Income
	\$0.00	\$559.34	Total Apparel					
2307	\$3,950.00			1/17/2024	CHECK to Magic Touch Entertainment for Brain Show	Assem...	Brain ...	Expense
		\$545.00		1/16/2024	DEPOSIT Brain Show evening ticket sales	Assem...	Brain ...	Income
		\$146.00		1/16/2024	DEPOSIT Brain show concessions	Assem...	Brain ...	Income
	\$3,950.00	\$691.00	Total Assemblies					
2279	\$80.00			1/9/2024	CHECK to Ms Geraci for field trip Enrichment	Enrich...	Enrich...	Expense
2306	\$338.00			1/5/2024	CHECK to Southern Dutchess for Newspaper club print	Enrich...	Newsp...	Expense
	\$418.00	\$0.00	Total Enrichment					
2308	\$6,000.00			1/23/2024	CHECK to Dyker Beach Gala deposit 3	Gala	Gala	Expense
2309	\$100.00			1/16/2024	CHECK to Abdul Belle Gala DJ deposit	Gala	Gala	Expense
		\$16,329.00		1/1-1/31/24	Cheddar and Bank Deposits	Gala	Gala	Income
	\$6,100.00	\$16,329.00	Total Gala					
2314	\$331.41			1/31/2024	CHeck to Nicole Dicanio chip friday	Gradu...	Grad	Expense
		\$1,519.00		1/19/2024	DEPOSIT Chip Friday	Gradu...	Grad	Income
	\$331.41	\$1,519.00	Total Grad					
		\$144.03		1/25/2024	CheddarUp Membership ST-J1B4P1V7X4M4	PTA O...	Memb...	Income
		\$191.64		1/9/2024	CheddarUp Membership ST-Z5M8H7Y5H2I3	PTA O...	Memb...	Income
	\$0.00	\$335.67	Total Membership					
2304	\$202.35		Total Schoolwide Events	1/11/2024	CHECK to Lynette Roggenkamp holiday express goods	School...	Events...	Expense



Exhibit B

Interim PA Financial Report

MUST BE FILED WITH THE PRINCIPAL BY JANUARY 31ST

School Name: PS 185 **District or Borough:** 20

INCOME	
Income Source	Amount
Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2023	\$100,589
Membership Dues	\$17,255
List below all other sources of income. List each fundraising activity separately. Include all gifts and contributions received. ¹ Amounts listed must be gross receipts, not profits.	
<i>e.g., Candy Sale, Picture Sale, Flower Sale, Green Market, etc.</i>	
Apparel	\$5,487
School Toolbox	\$1,201
Book Fair	\$7,961
Family Fun	\$2,315
Gala	\$5,545
Graduation	\$14,664
Photos	\$6,171
Schoolwide Events	\$1,058
Total Income for the period	
\$44,402	

¹Attach a page containing additional lines, if needed to account for all sources of income.

EXPENSES

Expenses² – Itemize each expense incurred during the period on a separate line. A single fundraising activity may involve more than one expense. Include PA donations to the school and identify the purpose for all donations. ³ for each donation. ⁴	Amount
<i>e.g., Payment to ABC Photography for picture sale services, postage for PA mailings, PA literature printing costs, etc.</i>	
Academic Programs	\$ 48,720
Apparel	\$ 4,444
Appreciation	\$ 678
Assemblies	\$ 990
Book Fair	\$ 4,767
Enrichment	\$ 6,763
Family Fun	\$ 2,660
Gala	\$ 5,793
Graduation	\$ 6,771
PTA Operations	\$1,067
School Supplies	\$ 13,175
Schoolwide Events	\$ 3,703
Total Expenses for the period	
\$ 99,531	

FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/29/2023


Total Income (including Beginning Balance) – Total Expenses = Fund Balance

Total Income from Page 1:	-	Total Expenses from Page 2:	=	Fund Balance:
\$ 162,246		\$ 99,531		\$ 62,715

Date Interim Financial Report was distributed to Members: 2/13/2024

Date Interim Financial Report was distributed to the Principal: 1/30/2024

Prepared By (print): Theresa Kovary

President Signature: 

Date:

Treasurer Signature: 

Date: 1/28/24

² Expenses are any payments for goods or services provided to a vendor, store, business, etc., including reimbursements to members following the submission of receipts for out of pocket expenses.

³ Attach a page containing additional lines, if needed to account for all expenses.