



PS 185 PTA

General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

Date: January 16, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 7:02pm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Michelle Magnus, Co-President
 - a. **Quorum Confirmed:** Grace Ng Rahmé, Co-Secretary
 - b. **Review and approval of December Minutes:** <https://www.ps185pta.org/events/pta-meeting-cz7fq-lsr6k>
 - c. **Review of events:**
 - i. Holiday express was a great success. Thanks to Lynette Roggenkamp, Monique Elefterakis, Tiffany Grant and all the parent volunteers.
 - ii. Brain show family fun night on Friday was a success.

- II. **President's Report**
 - a. **Book of the Month:** Listen: "How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl Changed Percussion" and our Read Aloud Partner is the Bookmark Shoppe:
<https://www.bookmarkshoppe.com/book/9780593109694>
 - b. **Open Streets:** on hiatus during winter months. Thanks to parent volunteers, with special thanks to Catherine Crabtree for organizing this and Kim Langel and her dad for being at every open street. Hoping to bring it back in warmer months and will need more volunteers from all grades because it gives the younger grades more room in the school yard.
 - c. Sign up for Remind and send in membership dues: <https://ps-185-pta-2023-2024-membership-drive.cheddarup.com>
 - d. For the latest PTA events and important dates, please visit our new website:
ps185pta.org
 - e. **Upcoming Important Dates**
 - i. 1/16 PTA Meeting (Virtual)
 - ii. 1/19 Chip Friday – send in \$ to support 5th grade grads
 - iii. 2/7 [CEC Meeting](#) — can go in person or listen in online and important to attend to know what's going on in our district
 - iv. 2/7 World Read Aloud Day
 - v. 2/8 SLT Meeting
 - vi. 2/9 100th Day of School
 - vii. 2/9 Chip Friday
 - viii. 2/9 Indoor Movie Night — 6PM more info to come.
 - ix. 2/13 PTA Meeting (Virtual)
 - x. **2/19 - 2/23 Midwinter Recess - School Closed**
 - xi. [2023-2024 School Spirit Days](#)

III. **Treasurer's Report (See Exhibit A)**

- a. Starting Balance: \$72,860.36
- b. Revenue: \$11,699.82
- c. Expenses: \$21,844.41 large expense for project based learning, tree planted for Mrs. Tariche, gala deposit for venue, grad income from chip Friday, teacher requests for field trip, bags for toiletry drive (major success).
- d. PTA membership donations accepted anytime during the year:
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/ps-185-pta-2023-2024-membership-drive> Text 81010 to @ptaps 185 for Remind

IV. **Committee Updates**

- a. **Gala (Lynette Roggenkamp):** thanks everyone for donating so far. Valentine's Day raffle \$20 by 2/1 to win entry ticket to gala and a complete raffle package of \$200 value
 - i. Check Amazon wishlist
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31IX2AF99WPSN/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex
 - ii. 90 mega raffles left, sending invites in February. <https://www.ps185pta.org/gala-2024>
 - iii. Class baskets: donate a basket from each class. Class parents will email about this.
- b. **Apparel (Jilian Levinson):** new winter apparel available
- c. **Family Fun (Catherine Crabtree):**
 - i. Indoor movie night — Trolls Band Together, Leo, and Elemental for kids to vote, flyer will be sent home, siblings can attend, doors open at 6pm and movie starts at 6:30pm. Fundraiser is popcorn and snacks, kids can wear PJs
 - ii. March — yoga and art night
 - iii. June — talent show
- d. **Graduation (Jennifer Rumfelt):**
 - i. Graduation meeting on 1/23 at 7:30PM for parents. Zoom Link TBA. (Slides were shared with families after the meeting who couldn't make it.)
 - ii. Reminder to pay graduation fee ASAP, support grads with chip Friday.
 - iii. Planning optional graduation luncheon after the graduation (Salty Dog or Bay Ridge Manor and about \$80/person, includes meals, photos, DJ, for graduate and parents.
 - iv. Yearbook (Gina): All kids have to go to Classroom and write about a memory about their time at 185 and submit 4 photos and baby photos by 2/29. Every family gets 1 free booster per graduate and every additional one is \$10 each. Booster is when you send your well wishes to grad.
- e. **SLT:**
 - i. Theresa Kovary and Maia Lynch presented a concern about the acoustics in the cafeteria and brainstormed ways to help and getting children to get involved with a project.
 - ii. Lisa Nieves is also guidance counselor with DOE who proposed RULER for SEL and SLT is open to trying this out so two teachers volunteered to pilot in their classrooms and this is potentially something we'll expand to the rest of the school.
- f. **Wellness Committee:**
 - i. Submitting a proposal to get Reso A funding from Justin Brannan/City Council where public schools in district can submit request for funds for grant.
 - ii. Mrs. Kruger (Parent Coordinator) will work with PTA. Ms. La Manna and Jankowski will work with student council.

g. **Cub Chronicles:**

- i. If any parents want to volunteer or assist with writing and proofreading sessions from 2:30pm to 3:50pm (most likely 2/6, 2/13 & 2/27), please reach out to julia.aitziane@gmail.com – it's okay if you don't have a child in the class.

V. **Principal's Report**

a. **Parent Workshops:**

- i. Two workshops scheduled :
 1. Save for college workshop for K-2: Friday, January 26 at 10am. Dial in from work or wherever you are.
 2. HMH Workshop open to all: In depth workshop scheduled for Friday, February 2, that will be in person at school right after drop-off from 8:20am to 9:15am (new update: Superintendent David Pretto will be in attendance – RSVP here: rmd.me/z8GDgKtQqYe).
- ii. Ruler Workshop: later in February, but there's no date yet.

b. **Construction:**

- i. Scaffolding is down and roof is done, but need to excavate and close exit to 86th St school so K and 1st grade will be dismissed from front of building because in a few months 87th St will be closed.
- ii. Play Roof looks great, but still having leaks. If there's a leak or any chipped paint, the room with chipped paint is closed until someone checks for asbestos.
- iii. 5th floor and smaller class rooms like 406, 551 will get some new wood floors.
- iv. Will be getting some new water fountains in the cafeteria.
- v. Applying for grant to renovate the cafeteria, including soundproofing.

c. **Tech:**

- i. have iPads, but for K and 1st grade waiting on cases and charging stations, but eventually they'll have it too – awarded \$500K grant by borough.

d. **Move to Improve:**

- i. classroom program and 85% staff is trained so working on getting the other teachers trained to become Move to Improve school.

e. **Afterschool Enrichment:**

- i. Families will find out if they've been accepted this week.

f. **State Tests:**

- i. Reading:
 1. 3rd and 4th grade — 4/11 and 4/12 on paper
 2. 5th grade — 4/15 and 4/16 on computer
- ii. Math:
 1. 3rd and 4th grade — 5/7 and 5/8
 2. 5th grade — 5/9 and 5/10
- iii. Science:
 1. 5th grade science on 5/15 computer.
- iv. Check for Saturday test prep dates.

g. **Brain Show:**

- i. Thanks PTA for brain show assembly – kids loved it.

h. **Mock Tests:**

- i. 1/17 5th grade students have mock test with computer to see how it's going to run the data test.

i. **Assemblies:**

- i. Violin — 1/24 at 3:45pm
- ii. Ukulele — 2/7 at 3:45pm

- j. **Lunch:**
 - i. Encourage students to keep cafeteria clean.
 - ii. Choice of sunflower butter, cheese sandwich, and salad bar in addition to hot lunch, fruits oranges, bananas, strawberries and kids do take fruits and veggies, but they're busy talking.
 - k. **Acadience and Heggerty Reading Results:**
 - i. Charts showing results from the reading assessments were presented and overall there's an improvement between the first assessment and second assessment.
 - ii. If you have questions about this for your child, please notify the teacher or if you'd like to see the results yourself please contact the Parent Coordinator.
- VI. **Parent Coordinator Report**
- a. Mrs. Goudelias introduces Mrs. Jennifer Kruger as our new Parent Coordinator.
 - b. Kruger speaks about how her two sons attended PS 185 and she spent many years as PTA president previously and she ran many committees and she loves all the activities that make our school enriching for all the kids.
 - c. Professionally worked in individual giving as fundraiser then director at Union Church Playgroup for a decade and spent last 5 years as PC for other school and born and raised in Brooklyn and moved to Bay ridge when she was 6.
 - d. Sees her role as concierge at hotel who's here to make our experience as smooth as possible. Reach out to her about anything. Jkruger3@schools.nyc.gov and can call school's main number and press 4 to connect with her phone.
 - e. Organizing Save for College Workshops 1/26 for the K-2nd grades. HMM in depth workshop scheduled on Fri 2/2 for everyone in person after drop off. Ruler workshop later in Feb. TBD.
- VII. Michelle: Adjourned at 7:55PM

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

PS 185 PTA DECEMBER 2023									
Expenses	Income	\$62,715.77	End Bal Nov						
\$21,844.41	\$11,699.82		Total Exp/Inc						
\$5,000.12			Academic Programs	PBL				CHECK to Jade Grimaldi PBL	
	\$190.42		Apparel	Apparel Income	Affinity/Apparel	Apparel	Income		
\$122.87			PTA Ops	Flowers for Ms. Tariche	Appreciation	retirement gifts	Expense	Check to Michelle Magnus	
\$4,467.44			Book Fair	Scholastic	Book Fair	Book Fair	Expense	Check to Scholastic Note *Net Profit \$3,194	
\$528.06			Enrichment	Dec & Nov Book of Month	Enrichment	Book of the month	Expense	Check to Bookmarke Shoppe	
\$840.00				Teacher Newspaper Club	Enrichment	Newspaper	Expense	Check to NYC DOE	
\$1,792.80			Gala	Gala Prizes Target & Online	Gala	Gala	Expense	Check to Lynette Roggenkamp and Monique Eleferakis	
\$3,000.00				#2 Gala Deposit	Gala	Gala	Expense	Check to Dyker Beach	
	\$1,350.00			Deposit Gala Cash journal/mega/d	Gala	Gala	Income		
\$1,398.85			Grad	Chip Friday Supplies	Graduation	Grad	Expense	Check to Nicole DiCanio and Delinah Vaz	
	\$1,501.40			Chip Friday Proceeds	Graduation	Grad	Income	Deposit by Michelle Magnus	
	\$7,600.00			Graduation Fees	Graduation	Grad		Deposit	
\$124.08			PTA Ops	K Hospitality BJs 40.96 FT 26.53 Du	PTA Operations	Hospitality	Expense	CHECK to Michelle Magnus for	
\$30.00				Field Trip Hardship	PTA Operations	Hardship	Expense	Check to Kathryn Viakic and 185 General School Funds	
\$182.80				CHECK to Gina Carter School webs	PTA Operations	185.org site	Expense		
\$104.00			School Supplies	Tolls for Fieldtrip K-201	School Supplies	Teachers Request	Expense		
\$119.97				Bags for Toiletry Drive	School Supplies	Teachers Request	Expense	Check to Christina Marasco	
\$2,499.14				INK for MO	School Supplies	INK Supplies MC	Expense	Check to Staples	
\$600.00			Schoolwide Events	DJ Winter Dance	Schoolwide Ever	Events (dances €	Expense	Check to Bryan Accard	
\$317.10				Supplies Winter Dance BJs 180.71	Schoolwide Ever	Events (dances €	Expense	Check to Lynette Roggenkamp	
\$100.00				Balloons Winter Dance	Schoolwide Ever	Events (dances €	Expense	Check to Nicole Forman	
\$617.38				Winter Craft Supplies	Schoolwide Ever	Events (dances €	Expense	Check to Christina Marasco	
	\$1,058.00			Proceeds Winter Dance	Schoolwide Ever	Events (dances €	Income	Deposit	
		\$72,860.36	Beg Bal Nov						