



## PS 185 PTA

### General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

Date: March 19, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 7:03pm

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Michelle Magnus, 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](http://www.ps185.org)
  - c. **Thank you to:**
    - i. Monique Elefterakis and Lynette Roggenkamp for organizing a record-breaking gala event.
      1. Lynette announces that net profit was \$58,284.31
    - ii. Lynette for traveling lantern activity that the kids enjoyed.
    - iii. Julia Ait-Ziane, Tara Bernard, Nathalie Kirsheh, Christina Marasco, and Mrs. Summer for leading the newspaper after school enrichment: second issue is out and digital version will be on our website.
  - d. **Apple AirPods raffle:** 5 raffle tickets for \$30, send to office labeled 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation committee or check to PS 185 PTA.
  - e. **Elections:** Forming a nominating committee for PTA (people not on the PTA), elections coming up.
  - f. **Safety:** if dropping off kids by car at school please be careful and patient because there have been a few close encounters.
  - g. **Upcoming Important Dates**
    - i. 3/19 PTA Meeting
    - ii. 3/22 Chip Friday – send kids in with some cash
    - iii. 3/22 Talent Show Auditions – taking place after school
    - iv. **3/29 - 4/1 Easter Weekend - School Closed**
    - v. 4/5 Radio Bingo – adults only
    - vi. **4/10 Eid al-Fitr - School Closed**
    - vii. 4/11 SLT Meeting
    - viii. 4/16 PTA Meeting
    - ix. 4/17 Spring photos
    - x. **4/22 - 4/30 Spring Recess - School Closed**
    - xi. [2023-2024 School Spirit Days](#)
- III. **Principal's Report (Mrs. Goudelias)**
  - a. **Thank you:** gala committee and newspaper committee
  - b. **Rezo A Funding:** \$500K for technology from Justin Brennan and ordered new promethean boards for classrooms, but need ink for next year

- c. **Gina's Runner's Club:** Kids were able to run in Times Square at NYC Half. Grades 3-5 ran a mile and kids K-2 ran 2-3 blocks and all got medals and 5/18 will do Brooklyn Half marathon.
- d. **HMH Into Reading Curriculum:** Last month Superintendent Pretto heard our concerns last month and took some questions out so our last test module was smaller and less lengthy. This year will not be doing Saturday test preps because they're getting enough of it from the new programs.
- e. **Upcoming Workshops:** Funaro will do another workshop on state test and there's one on 3/20 (slides available after).
- f. **Parent conferences and publishing party:** Last week were the parent teacher conferences and we also had a successful book publishing where children shared their writing with parents.
- g. **After school enrichments:** NIA is NYS blended program and this year we'll see how much funding we get for NIA. This year we have over \$140K and are hoping to get more funds so more children can have access to NIA.
- h. **Surveys:** Complete them so we know what you're concerned about and what you're satisfied with.
- i. **Summer Rising:** going to be at PS 170 at 619 72<sup>nd</sup> St.
- j. **Buzzer at the door:** trying to get it switched so the entrance, doorbell, and camera are on the same side.
- k. **Recess:** Ms. Kruger will be taking volunteers for open streets now that weather is getting nicer. Met with supervisor of PE for the district and he helped us order some games and train school aides so there's organized play when they go outside.
- l. **School Aide:** Trying to hire another one.
- m. **Cafeteria Budget Cuts:** keeping salad bar and some of the food they cut they're bringing back.
- n. **Elections 4/2:** bagged lunch available in auditorium (hummus, sunflower seed butter)
- o. **Repairs:**
  - i. **Roof:** still have leaks so need to repair before children can play up there
  - ii. **Lights:** got approved for new LED lights.
- p. **Ms. Funaro Presentation:** will be shared after and presented more thoroughly on 3/20 morning 9am on Zoom – link will be shared after PTA meeting.
  - i. **ELA grades 3 & 4:** 4/11 and 4/12 paper based testing, untimed.
    - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade no more long response so the test is shorter.
    - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have the longer essay, but it's about being clear and concise.
  - ii. **ELA grade 5:** 4/15 and 4/16 Computer-based testing, untimed, 1 lined scrap paper
  - iii. **Math grades 3 & 4:** 5/7 and 5/8 paper based testing, untimed.
    - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade - important to ask them to show their work, have use of ruler.
    - 2. 4<sup>th</sup> grade - ruler and protractor permitted, but doesn't mean they'll need it.
  - iv. **Math grade 5:** line and graph paper, trying to encourage more use of graph paper and will be bringing it down to lower grades,
    - 1. Will have a reference sheet, ruler, protractor, but no calculator
  - v. **Science grade 5:** 5/15 no test last year, but now has moved from 4<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will be untimed computer test.
  - vi. **ENL:** 4/15 to 5/24 speaking and 5/13 to 5/24 for reading/writing/listening
  - vii. **ELA Prep:** no test prep because already doing it daily in HMH curriculum.
    - 1. Selection quizzes are open book multiple choice so children can re-read and find the evidence. Trying to get kids to slow down.
    - 2. Short response: Cite text and everything answered in ADD format (Answer Detail Detail).

3. Extended response for grades 4 and 5 practiced with performance task and homework.
4. Module assessment is a cold read plus short response.
5. Not a ton of independent reading time in class so it's important kids are reading for over 30 min at home as well.

viii. **Math Prep:**

1. Topic 1-4, 1-8, 1-12 benchmark assessment
2. Exemplars, performance tasks, daily solve and share question, number tasks.
3. At home (links to both resources available in presentations that will be emailed to families on 3/20):
  - a. Bounce Pages opens up camera and can hover over homework page and will link to video to show how to solve the problem.
  - b. Envision Family Resource Guide

- ix. **Science Prep:** test administered as written exam in spring of each school year starting in 2024 and consist of multiple choice and written response. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade did life cycle investigation, 4<sup>th</sup> grade working on electricity investigation and 5<sup>th</sup> grade doing all four and doing it in class with friends.

x. **Q &A:**

1. Should my child practice typing? They're doing it in class already. They can use typing.com if they want and make it fun, but not really necessary because already doing it in class .
2. Will state tests impact my child's grades? No and also won't be released until next year.
3. Can we opt our children out from taking the exam? DOE requires you meet with principal before opting out.

IV. **Treasurer's Report (Theresa Kovary, Co-Treasurer)**

- a. Financial Report: See Exhibit A
  - i. Starting Balance: \$71,148.02
  - ii. Revenue: \$31,561.17
  - iii. Expenses: \$7,653.97
- b. End balance: \$95,055

V. **Committee Updates (Christina Marasco, Co-President)**

- a. **Family Fun & Radio Bingo** (Catherine Crabtree) – Radio bingo at Our Saviours, 4 rounds, 4/5 at 6:30pm, doors open at 6pm, card is your entrance fee, selling out fast, if buying at the door make sure to email [ps185radiobingo@gmail.com](mailto:ps185radiobingo@gmail.com) to RSVP. Cellary and Brooklyn Firefly offering 15% off.
- b. **Talent Show** (Tim Intravia) — audition is Friday after school; fill out permission slip; send MP3 of song; 85 acts registered; warn the kids they'll be watching a lot of kids perform and to be patient and respectful; costumes, props, make it interesting. Can email Tim or Ms. Rifai with questions. Show will be on 6/14 and it will be back to back 2 shows since there are so many acts. First show 5:30-7pm for K-1 and later show for older kids. Looking for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to emcee the earlier show.
- c. **SLT Report** - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade no longer taking test on computer, shorter modules, PS 185 parents advocated successfully on this at the CEC Meeting; Library Committee; SEL program that SLT parent member who's a DOE guidance counselor helped pilot this program; welcome parents to come attend and observe, 4/11 at 2:45pm in 202
- d. **Apparel** (Jon Levenson) – 50% off hats and sweatshirts

VI. **Parent Coordinator Report (Jennifer Kruger)**

- a. **School survey** – emphasized importance of taking this. Need student OSIS number, which is found on report card or parent DOE account. Email Jen if need help.
- b. **Summer rising** – apply by 3/25. Rank additional schools because priority goes to children who currently take an enrichment program at the Summer Rising site. We and 5 others schools are doing it at PS 170 so our children will be lower on priority list, which is why it is important to add more schools and rank all 5 enrichments options, as well as look at other additional sites and add them to increase your chances of getting Summer Rising placement.
- c. **Kindergarten offers** — released 3/27 posted on MySchools and any family who gets offer from 185 will get email from Helen Verveniotis. Middle school offers are going to be released 4/3. If having difficulty accessing from My Schools, Ms. Kruger can access it.
- d. **Open Streets** – need 8 parent volunteers and 4 cars; thank you to Catherine Crabtree for organizing this in the fall, but moving forward sign ups will be through Ms. Kruger.
- e. **Library Committee** — launching week of 4/15 and will be Wednesday and Friday from 1-2pm. Classes will visit library to borrow and return books. No one actively scanning so borrowing on honor system. Parent volunteer will come and reshell and help keep it organized.
- f. **Free classes for adults** — PS 192 offering free Adult (18+) GED or English Learner
- g. **School of American Ballet** — doing community audition and doing open call from 6-10 year olds and have 1 day of audition. Sunday 4/7.

VII. Christina: Adjourned at 8:22PM

**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](http://www.ps185.org)
  - PTA website: [www.ps185pta.org](http://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

<b><u>2023-2024 PS 185 PTA Executive Board</u></b>	
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

PS 185 PTA FEBRUARY 2023							
Expenses	Income	\$95,055.22	End Bal Feb				
\$7,653.97	\$31,561.17		Total Exp/Inc				
	\$428.99		<b>Apparel</b>	Apparel Income	Affinity/Apparel	Apparel	Income
\$949.90				Apparel Expense	Affinity/Apparel	Apparel	Expense
\$155.64			<b>PTA Ops</b>	HMH meeting Refreshments	PTA Operations	Hospitality	Expense
	\$95.82			Membership	PTA Operations	Membership	Income
\$181.95			<b>Enrichment</b>	Supplies Newspaper Club	Enrichment	Book of the month	Expense
\$840.00				Teacher Newspaper Club	Enrichment	Newspaper	Expense
\$1,374.77			<b>Grad</b>	Chip Friday Supplies	Graduation	Grad	Expense
	\$2,360.55			Chip Friday Proceeds	Graduation	Grad	Income
\$2,500.00			<b>Schoolwide Events</b>	Bullying Assembly	Schoolwide Events	Events (dances)	Expense
\$249.90				Replaced Check Holiday Express	Schoolwide Events	Events (dances)	Expense
\$100.00				Replaced Check Halloween Balloon	Schoolwide Events	Events (dances)	Expense
			<b>Family Fun</b>				
\$111.45				Brainshow Refreshments	Family Fun Events		Expense
	\$610.81			Indoor Movie Night Concessions	Family Fun Events		Income
\$1,190.36			<b>Gala</b>	Gala Prizes and Supplies	Gala	Gala	Expense
	\$28,065.00			Deposit Gala Cash journal/mega/d	Gala	Gala	Income
		\$71,148.02	Beg Bal Feb				