

PS 115Q PTA Membership Meeting Minutes Meeting #2 (Virtual) October 26, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM.

Welcome from PTA President

Ms. Deonarine welcomed everyone to the PTA meeting

Approval of Meeting minutes

Ms. Deonarine presented the September 15, 2022 minutes for approval. A motion was made and seconded; the September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Chung reminded parents it was a busy month from September to October. We started at \$16,403.21, raised \$4,940 through membership, \$3990.12 from spirit wear, Fun Run raised \$25,938.95 and Pumpkin Patch raised \$3567.76 - totalling 54840.04. Our Expenses were \$1103.54 from Spirit Wear, donated books for every classroom was \$328.42, Fun Run expenses for water and cups \$87.98, bank fee returned check \$35, our total expenses \$1554.90. Our total balance for the month was \$53,285.14.

Thank you for your support to start the year strong. More expenses for fun run and other events will come. Motion to approve the treasurer's report for October was approved.

Presidents Report

- Reminder for next PTA meeting Nov 23, 2022 at 9:15am
- Fun Run - thank you for your support. We net \$14919.70 after expenses. Still waiting on corporate match donations but this is the estimate. The purpose of Fun Run was for Stem related activities and we will be giving out STEM kits to each student from KiwiCo to take home.
- Ms.Park spoke in more detail about Fun Run - 9 days, lots of fun, music, many volunteers, pom poms, T-shirts for all teachers and volunteers. Donations came in from all over, 4 different countries and 16 different states. Next year we will try to increase the number of volunteers so more parents can participate.
- PTA donated books to all the classrooms for Hispanic Heritage Month, 2 different books, one for older and one for younger classes.

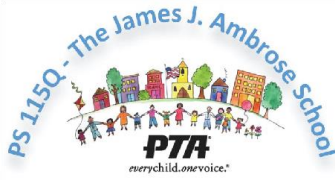
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- Ms. Park spoke in more detail about our Clothing Drive - lots of donations, over 1000 pounds collected and raised over \$200. We will try to have a Big box in front of school for our next drive in the Spring so we can collect clothing during the week.
- PTA Enrichment Classes, our classes have done well and we have 52 students in different classes. Most popular are our in person classes with Chess and Lego. Spanish and Chinese Online Classes also have students who registered.

Upcoming Events

Cheesecake Sale coming up, encouraging families to sign up online
Pumpkin Patch - coming up, we will have a photo booth available for pictures.
Scholastic Book Fair coming up, encouraging parents to use eWallet
Spirit Wear ongoing, will notify about pop ups sales
Membership Drive - Goal \$12,000 - we currently have about \$5k.

STUDENTS can dress up on Oct 31. No goodie bags for holidays or birthdays.

SLT Summary

English language and Math overall trends for 5th grade. Training available for parents to learn the way students are learning in school so they can help support their child. Targeted intervention - the school will reach out to parents for the students who need extra help.

Basketball afterschool for 5th graders, and district wide games will come

Lifetouch Picture Day postponed because of Cyber reasons, Lifetouch needs release forms to share information with them in order to comply and go forward with picture day. New policies were put in place by DOE because of a data breach last school year so this is our way to protect our students and families while adhering to DOE guidelines. The release forms are mandatory if you wish to have your child's picture taken by Lifetouch. The issue was addressed by Ms. Chung and Ms. LaPorte as well. Composite pictures from last year are still in revisions currently and families will be notified as soon as available.

Principals Report

- Thank you PTA for support and hard work and families for donations and volunteers. Excited to bring back Stem Kits for all children to bring home.

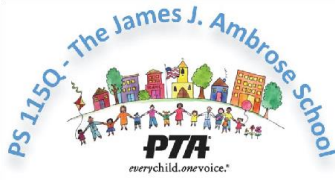
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- Safety is first and foremost, during arrival and dismissal time everyone needs to follow traffic regulations for everyone's safety. Please do not double park, create backups and interfere in pedestrian crossing. Do not block driveways or crosswalk. Pedestrians use crosswalk to cross, not in the middle of the street. 8:10-8:25 for early drop offs.
- Grading policy has been sent home. Approved by SLT. Dec 2 is the end of first marking period.
- Grade 5 middle school applications opened. Grade 5 parent meeting last week and another will be held the following week. Set up Office Hours w Ms. Ria to answer questions.
- Grade 5 Open House Schedule - please visit what options you have and best fit for your child.
- District 26 has screened programs - formerly known as G&T program. Based on 4th grade final grades on 4 core subjects. Zoned programs, screened programs, and choice lottery school.
- The Academic screeners are for the school to analyze the data to make sure our students are functioning at least 80% of grade level and identify who can benefit from extra help. It is also to assess our core instruction and make any modifications necessary. Next screener will be in Jan/Feb. Data results will be shared with families and reports sent home.
- DESSA screener also done. It was a social emotional screener and parents were able to opt out.
- Virtual Parent Teacher conferences upcoming encouraged all parents to please sign up online.
- College Savings Program every student enrolled in NYC from last year in kindergarten in school going forward will receive an account unless parents opt out. Deadline for opt out is Nov 1.
- No treat bags for holidays and birthdays.
- Respect for all, safe learning environment for all
- Basketball - District 26 looking to put together an athletic team.

Questions from parents answered by Ms. LaPorte and Ms. Deonarine.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm

Respectfully prepared by: Evelyn Angwin (November 15th, 2022) Recording Secretary

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