



PS 174 PA General Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023, 6 p.m., via Zoom

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Attendees

Executive Board:

President: Max Dickstein

Vice Presidents: Marc Lee, Michael McDonough, Sonya Sakhrani, Nitin Patel

Co-Recording Secretaries: Anna Myers Sabatini, Hannah Trager

Co-Treasurers: Romain Suinat, Dalelyn Wyszinksi

Members:

Attendees 38

Guest John Gregg, Alma, Connie, Cristina Galera Rius, Dr. Gisette Forte, Evelyn Crespo-Zambrano, F L, Fertia McCauley, Julius Lee, Katerina, Kristle Tomeh-Mullin, Kyle, Lela Kang, Lorena Outeda, Melissa, Michele Liu, Ming Wong, Natalia O., Natalie Ng, Nodira, Raluca

Renee Frisch

Romain Eastman

Sharon L

The Seid Family

Theresa Yireong

Trisha R.

Vinh Huynh

Vivian Leung-Herel

Zefir Kolndrekaj

Please remember to sign in. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the official business of the PS 174 PA.

I. Call to Order

- A. Start recording- 6:00 pm
- B. Read previous minutes- read by Hannah Trager

II. Special Guest: Principal John Greggo from Russell Sage JHS 190, 6:03-6:32

- A. Presentation and Q&A
 - a. www.russellsagems.org
 - b. assistant principals loop- follows student for all three years
 - c. 7:50-2:20
 - d. Virtual Open House November 7th 6-7 pm
 - e. In-Person Open house/School Tour November 29th
 - f. Honors Placement based on 4th grade State test scores
 - g. Safety Protocols
 - h. Offer 3 languages- Spanish, French, Mandarin (assigned, students don't get to choose)
 - i. Also offer languages afterschool
 - j. Talent electives- Visual Fine Arts, Band, Dance, Orchestra/Strings (also additional afterschool)
 - k. High School readiness
 - l. Offer US History Regents
 - m. Extracurricular Activities, lots of options, open to more based on student interest
 - n. Academic Support Activities
 - o. Principal Greggo will be presenting at the CEC tomorrow
 - p. Questions

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- i. When to start tours? Principal Greggo suggests 4th grade (end of year) or early 5th grade
- ii. How do you distinguish between Halsey and Russel Sage? Principal Greggo suggests to go website (newsletter) and Instagram. Reports that you and the students know what they are going to learn each month. 20-25 afterschool programs.
- iii. Afterschool Hours? 2:30-4:00, option to continue at Beacon
- iv. Discipline? Very proactive approach, follow chancellor's regulations
- v. Safety/Fights- AP designated to safety, very few fights, follow chancellors regs, school safety. Principal Greggo invites parents to come see how dismissal/schoolyard is functioning

IV. President's Report

- A. School Leadership Team (SLT) report: C-30 process
 - a. Meeting this week on Wednesday, SLT members have been invited to.
 - b. C30 process to evaluate permanent candidates for the position
- B. Safety Committee report
 - a. Meeting tomorrow (11/7)

V. Treasurer's Report

- A. Monthly report (Romain Suinat)
 - a. Spirit Day (\$80 additional)
 - b. Paypal (\$110 brought to main account)
 - c. Pumpkin Patch (\$250 in expenses, \$150 raised)
 - d. Various donations via Zelle (\$372)
 - e. Movie Night (\$345)
 - f. Halloween Party (\$5300), planned spend \$1500, actual spend \$1300
 - g. \$10,300 in main bank account
 - i. These funds will pay for residencies and PA fundraising expenses.

VI. Business

- A. PA Remind Account now available - sign up for real-time updates! remind.com/join/9ef9hga
 - a. 240 members signed up, great way to connect with families
- B. Recent PA Events - Debriefs
 - a. Aigner Chocolate fundraiser (Anna)
 - i. \$44.70 raised
 - b. Shopfund.com catalog fundraiser (Max)
 - i. estimated more than \$1,000
 - c. Jersey Mike's (Dalelyn)
 - i. \$60, Jersey Mikes matched, \$120
 - d. Cool for School Picture Day (Max)
 - i. Pictures are now available!
 - ii. Quality has improved from previous provider
 - iii. Need code to access your childs' photos
 - iv. We get 10% back for the PA
 - e. PS 174 PA Wear Orange Day 10/27
 - f. Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch 10/27 (Max/AJ)
 - g. Halloween Party 10/29 (Judy)
 - i. Great success! Raised lots of funds!
- C. Fundraising- PA needs "leaders" to spearhead events, sign up using [this link](#)
 - a. Election Day Fundraiser (Tomorrow! Nov. 7th) Need more volunteers! <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/973354348051>
 - i. 7-10 am, school is an Election site
 - ii. Volunteers needed!
 - b. Scholastic Book Fair - need more volunteers! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/801653160019/>
 - i. Volunteers needed! Especially for Thursday and Friday
 - ii. Waiting for timing from Dr. Lewis about timing for parents to come in
 - iii. 25% discount for parents, spend \$25 get free shipping
 - c. Movie Night - need volunteers! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/144733644266066037>
- D. PS 174 Spirit Wear Sale (Vinh)

- a. Being discussed at executive board meeting
 - b. Week turn around after approval from Dr. Lewis
 - c. Beanies, hats, shirts, sweatshirts
- E. Parent Michele Cheng talking about a possible NuSkin Fundraiser
 - a. Will discuss at next PA meeting
- F. Vote on grade 3–5 Assembly: Caldecott Honor winner David Ezra Stein - would require ~\$10 book purchase from 60% of students.
 - a. positive reception from parents
 - b. Graphic Novel -Beaky Barnes
- G. Giving/Wear Green Spirit Day (11/17/23)
- H. Mike's Pizzeria Fundraiser // Max Dickstein will chair
- I. Thanksgiving Pie sale? (Whitepost Farm - someone would need to be willing to pick up from Melville)
// NEED CHAIR
 - a. May be too late for this year
- J. Mail order gifts & chocolates for Christmas (Boon Supply/Cherrydale set up ASAP) NEED CHAIR
- K. Read-a-Thon (Dec. 15, 2023 - Jan 15, 2024) (Max)
- L. Fifth Grade Committee
 - a. Sonya Sakhrani spoke Ms. Bryant, Ms. Yakubov and Dr. Lewis - need to set up committee
 - b. Judy Wong started 5th grade committee WhatsApp group
- M. Parent volunteers to have library / computer lab hours during school hours? (Marc)
 - a. Library and computer lab are under-utilized
 - b. parent volunteers needed, would be a schedule for each class to come, contact Marc
- N. Residencies
 - a. Lunar Dance residency offered to 5th but they do not have time, offered to another grade

VII. Discussion

- a. opportunity for box tops, sneaker fundraiser
 - b. photo frame to connect to screen by security desk
 - c. 3rd, 4th, 5th are doing chess during lunch, lower grades don't have the opportunity, Dr. Lewis is looking for a parent to teach

VIII. Adjournment - 7:11 pm

- A. End recording