



PS 174 PA General Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024, 6 p.m., via Zoom

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

Attendees: 34

Guests: Vanessa Bryant, Student Council: Kathleen Desai, Elizabeth Nektalova, Adama Hammami Elvis Aoute

Board: Max Dickstein, Hannah Traeger Gregory Arnold, Marc Lee, Sonya Sakhrani, Nitin Patel, Dalelyn Wyszinski

Ayllison y Yanett, Anna Kosova, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Zieba, Erin Branum, Evelyn, Fertia McCauley, Gina Looby, Judy, Julius Lee, Karina Chow, Karla, Kat Zuniga Kathleen Desai, Kayla Doinguez, Lemenor, Mary Whitelaw, Michele Cheng, Natalia O., Natalie Ng, R. Eastman, Rosa, Silvia G, Solmaz Sharif,

I. Call to Order

- A. Start recording- 6:01 pm
- B. Read previous minutes
- C. Introduce 2023-24 PA Exec Members
 - a. Students were present so we went over the Executive Board members and the responsibilities of the different roles

II. Special Guests: PS 174 Student Government and Ms. Bryant

- D. Introductions from PS 174 Student Government representatives and their adviser, Vanessa Bryant
 - a. Ms. Bryant discussed the importance of Student Voice, Student Ideas
 - b. Introduction of Student Representatives
 - c. Representatives include students from ICT, ELL, G&T, Self-Contained
 - d. Hoping to expand K-1 Lunch/recess program to other grades
 - e. How to make recess more fun, ideas include swings, rock climbing wall, monkey bars
 - f. Seeking parents' support and principal permission for monthly snack sale days
 - g. Post welcome signs at the entrance of the school auditorium in different languages
 - h. Indoor activities for the classrooms and gyms during indoor recess periods (volleyball etc)
 - i. Planting program, seeds and equipment provided by students, could be a fundraiser
 - j. Diversity- clubs that are more diverse (such as taekwondo)
 - k. Trying to meet monthly, but recently have been meeting every other week to prepare and understand roles
- E. Q&A with representatives
 - a. What can the PA do to support?
 - i. Volunteering for snack sale days
 - ii. Possibly purchasing seedlings for planting
 - b. How is the Student Govt working with school administration to get these ideas going
 - i. Dr. Lewis is on board with these ideas and working on logistics
 - c. Parent Question- recess time
 - i. Kids and parents are both requesting it, it has improved but what are the roadblocks, can parents help or volunteer?
 - ii. Ms. Bryant- weather permitting they can go outside unless they are on the rotational schedule. Teachers can sign up to take their classes out for additional periods. There is a parent sign up for lunch volunteers and Ms. Bryant is holding a workshop to help parents know what to expect and what is expected of them. Ms. Bryant will be in communication about this.

III. President's Report

- A. School Leadership Team (SLT): Three open positions and two alternates for May election

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- a. Discussion of PA Data Tool from Mike
 - b. Three open positions on SLT as well as two alternates
- B. Safety Committee: Town Hall 4/2
 - a. Several parents from PS 174. School is on schedule with drills. Expansion slated to open in fall, includes more play areas (where construction vehicles/equipment currently are)
 - b. This should alleviate issues with injuries, crowds, etc.
- C. Parent Coordinator search: Hiring committee reviewing candidates this month
 - a. Plans for the hiring committee to interview candidates this month. Includes PA members, parents, representative from CEC, and Dr. Lewis

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Monthly report: Balance, upcoming bills, residencies
 - a. Total in Chase is 22,519.90
 - b. Sports Day raised \$30
 - c. NEW 5th grade dues- \$670
 - d. Local Craft Brewery Fundraiser- \$200 (for Field Day)
 - e. Oriental Trading Reimbursement/Refund - \$239.59- went back to 5th grade committee fund
 - f. St Patricks Day Bakesale/Wacky- \$901
 - g. Shirt Sales (\$25), Schoolmate Credit (\$75)
 - h. Expenses
 - i. Circle of Dance- \$1500 for K and \$1500 for 1st grade

5th grade Financials

5th Grade Committee

Fifth Grade Dues and Valentine's Fundraiser Total	\$8,720
Bakesale	\$2,712
	\$901
Total Income	\$12,333
Fifth Grade Expenses Urban Air	\$1,879.99
Oriental Trading items and Refund	\$919.93-\$239.59
	= \$679.74
DJ/photo booth Deposit	\$100
Operation Comet Trip	\$300
Total Expenses	\$2,959.73
Balance	\$9,373.27

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IV. Business

- A. Fifth Grade Committee
 - a. Balance, fundraising, updates, questions, etc.
 - i. Upcoming Trips - Urban Air, Comet
 - ii. Field Day
 - iii. Yearbook
 - iv. Graduation
 - v. 5th Grade pictures were taken on Friday April 5th. Cool for School will share pictures and they will also be in the yearbook
 - vi. No parent volunteers for flower sale- waiting for next 5th grade committee meeting (Ms. Bryant is working on getting a date)
 - vii. Question- how can PA support (financially or otherwise) the 5th grade committee
 - viii. Question- Will we get money from Cool for School for the photos (similar to Picture Day)
 - ix. 5th grade will have FHYAA fields on the second day of Field Days for Picnic/Celebration. PA will cover cost of rental and insurance (around \$700)

- x. Will discuss need for PA funds contribution (to 5th grade committee) at next meeting May 6th - in-person election
- B. Recruiting for 2024–25 elections (5/6/24 meeting)
 - a. Judy Wong will run the elections
 - b. There are a couple people who are running but we need more candidates
- C. Teacher Appreciation Week planning. (Teacher Appreciation Day is May 7, 2024, and Teacher Appreciation Week runs from May 6 to May 10, 2024.)
 - a. Need chair
 - b. Funds approved and budgeted
 - c. May need to move date due to state testing
- D. PS 174 Field Days 2024 at Forest Hills Youth Athletic Association
 - a. Thursday, May 30 (2nd, 3rd, 4th) and Friday, May 31 (K,1,5th). Rain date: Mon. 6/3.
 - b. Creating sign-ups, planning games, printing shirts/collecting \$ for them.
 - c. Sign up shared at the meeting: <https://signup.com/go/bXdXKJW>
- E. Other upcoming Fundraisers:
 - o Spirit Day- Hat Day (Friday, April 19th)
 - o Taylor Swift Eras Fundraiser/Community Event (Sunday, May 5th, 2024)- Natalie
 - i. Planning is moving along. Permit is approved. Testing the technology.
 - ii. Sunday, May 5th
 - iii. 1:30-2:30 is set up
 - iv. Movie starts at 3:00
 - v. Ticket Pricing is \$6 per/person because it is a longer event and has activities. Includes photo area, tattoo station, etc.
 - vi. Concessions and friendship bracelet making (Take one and make one) will be additional cost
 - vii. Some strong language- we will skip those songs. Reduces time by 30 minutes
 - viii. By end of week sending out flyers and signup
 - ix. Possibility of charging flat rate that includes pizza and bracelet
 - x. Encourage families to clean up
 - o Spirit Day Hat Day
 - o Spirit Day College/Career (Friday May 31st) - needs to be changed because of Field Day
 - o Spirit Day - PS 174 Gear (Friday, June 14th)
 - o First Day School Supplies (Max)
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 - o Spring apparel sale
 - i. Possible new designs
 - o First Day School supplies sale - pending info from teachers
 - o Lillian's Pizza? (Max)
 - o Manor Oktoberfest? (Dalelyn)
 - i. possibly week of May 13th

V. Further Discussion

VI. Adjournment 7:02

- A. End recording