



## PS 174 PA General Meeting Agenda

October 7, 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 ( 37 ):**

Maria J. Ramires, Aron Wong, Ann Carlos, Anna, Sook Yee Yeung, Hannah Trager, Diana Lam Huynh, Stephanie, Jason Wand, Mary Beth Whitelaw, Marc Lee, Anna Myers Sabatini, Karla Fuentes, Mee Mei Zhao, Dalelyn Wyszinski, Gabriela Martinez, Liz Lee, Winnie Ly, Bishal Parajuli, Kristina Ilic, Rebecca Chin, Natalie Ng, Jossie Vaca, Ying Liu, Sonya Sakhrani,

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Start recording 6:05pm
- B. Read previous minutes

**II. President's Report**

- A. School Leadership Team (SLT) report  
SLT discussion touched on a few safety concerns, including the school's cell phone policy. The school is currently reviewing the policy, which is available on the website. Further updates on this topic, along with school safety and construction updates, will be provided later in the meeting.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Monthly report
- B. PS 174 PA Spirit Wear Day: 9/27/24 earnings

**Treasurer's Report as of 10/7/2024**

Total Available Balance in Chase	\$7,750.60	
Total Available Balance in Paypal	\$100.99	
Total Available Balance in Maspeth Federal Savings	\$76.11	
<b>Income</b>		
9/23/24 Spirit Wear Pop up Sale	Zelle	\$134
	Cash	\$301
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$435</b>
9/27/24 School Spirit Day toward pumpkin patch	Zelle	\$90
	Cash	\$35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$125</b>
PS 174 Dues	\$174	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$729</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
GoDaddy Account		
WordPress Account	\$84	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$84</b>	
<b>TOTAL EARNED</b>	<b>\$650</b>	

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#### IV. Business

##### A. Recap of the meeting with Senator Addabo Jr.

25-30 parents showed up, demonstrating significant community support to school. Key Issues Presented to Senator Addabo:

- School Construction Delays:
  - Parents asked for advocacy to expedite school construction, as students currently have recess indoors due to unfinished facilities.
- Aftercare Programs:
  - Highlighted the need for expanded aftercare to accommodate the neighborhood's working families.
- Classroom Space vs. Teacher Shortage:
  - Although the school has unused classrooms, it cannot reduce class sizes to the 22-student cap due to a lack of teachers.
  - Parents asked for the Senator's help in securing more teaching staff.
- Budget Support for Extracurriculars:
  - Discussed the desire to expand the debate program, though funding remains a challenge.

##### Senator Dabo's Response and Engagement

- Commitment to Help: Senator Addabo showed interest in discussing these issues further with Dr. Lewis and offered potential solutions by involving others.
- School Tour:
  - a. Senator toured classrooms, including the teacher resource center and music room, participating briefly in music activities with students.
  - b. He appreciated both new and older parts of the building, acknowledging parents' concerns about unfinished areas.

##### B. School Safety Committee Update

- Construction plans involve relocating trailers currently occupying the main playground area.
- Concerns exist about the perception of unused classrooms. When following the class size law, the existing classrooms are adequate, and no extra space is technically vacant.
- There is ongoing evaluation of how these spaces can be optimized to meet the specific needs of District 28 and the local community.

##### C. Request for school dues

Raised money to fund the residency program. Each grade has a Residency program, and a Residency is an extracurricular. Usually arts inspired activity, such as dancing or ballet. And different bills that we have to pay, such as help the school buy books or art supply, on Teacher Appreciation Day, being able to supply the teachers with a luncheon, and also kosher luncheon

##### D. Fundraising- PA needs LEADERS to spearhead events, sign up using [this link](#)

- a. Manor Oktoberfest Fundraiser: 10/9/24
- b. Cafecito & Empanadas Sale 10/18/24  
(Morning sale at drop off outside main entrance on Dieterle Crescent)
- c. School Picture Day, 10/21/24–10/22/24
- d. "Wear Orange" Spirit Day, 10/25/24
- e. Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch, 10/25/24
- f. Halloween Party, 10/27/24 (Tentative) - need volunteers, sign up [here](#)

##### E. Fifth Grade Committee

The committee is not formed yet, stay tuned.

##### F. Residencies

- G. School Residencies Overview:
  - a. Ms. Bryant reached out to the PA regarding available funds for residencies. Standard residencies, like "Circle of Dance" for grades 1-3, occur annually
  - b. A meeting with Ms. Karachi and Ms. Bryant is planned to confirm the residencies for this year.
- H. Transparency in Budgeting for Residencies:
  - a. Last year, some budgeted activities didn't occur, leading to unused funds.
  - b. Future planning would benefit from a confirmed list of residencies to map the year's financial needs accurately.
- I. Summary of Previous Residency Programs and Costs:
  - a. Nutcracker Ballet (4th grade): \$1,400 with New York City Ballet
  - b. Circle of Dance (K-2): \$5,000 for three grades
  - c. Debate Program (5th grade): Budgeted at \$100 but cost \$5,000
  - d. Ballroom Dancing (5th grade): Approx. \$3,000
  - e. Concerns About Cost Changes:
    - f. Some residency costs fluctuate due to grants or subsidies from the school or city, but these changes were not communicated to the PA in advance.
  - g. The PA emphasized the need for better coordination with the administration to avoid unexpected bills.
- J. Action Items
  - a. Follow-up with School Administration: to get a confirmed list of residencies and their associated costs.
  - b. Improved Communication: Request the school to notify the PA promptly of any changes in residency costs to avoid unexpected financial adjustments.

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## **V. Discussion**

## **VI. Adjournment**

- A. End recording, 6:55pm