

PS153 PA MEETING MINUTES		
LOCATION	DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING
PS153 Book Nook & Google Meet	02/09/2024	5:30pm
MEETING PURPOSE		
Monthly Parent Meeting		

1. Attendees (3 board & 6 parents)
  - a. Keri Landeiro (President, joining remote)
  - b. Leslie Wells (Treasurer, joining remote)
  - c. Rafael Landeiro (Secretary)
  - d. Nicole Thorpe
  - e. Courtney Knight
  - f. Steve Katz
  - g. Fran Katz
  - h. Disleiry Benitez
  - i. Miriam Bemiter

2. Call to Order: 5:36pm

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. Approved

4. President's Report

a. District 6 Events

- i. Life Savings Skills workshop being held at PS48
  1. Over 180 parents signed-up from District 6
  2. Parents are scan QR code or visit PA website to register
  3. Flyers available in English and Spanish
- ii. Mental Health Day planned
  1. To address bullying in school and social media use
  2. Planned for 3/2 also in PS48

b. Proposed Programs

i. Review of upcoming PA programming

Game Night - February

Puppet Show - March

Book Fair - April

Embroidery - TBD

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - May

NY Historical Society - March

Sugar Hill Children's Museum - May

Parents Finance Workshop - June

Bodega Finance Workshop - June

1. Goal to bring programming for all grade levels.

c. Game Night Recap

- i. Event prior Friday
- ii. Room completed filled, kids loved it
- iii. Moving to cafeteria next time on March 22nd
- iv. PA needs parent volunteers
- v. Plan to have games for all grades 3K-5 and popcorn
- vi. Family Game Night is free, at no cost to families

d. Monthly Events

- i. Title 1 classes (ELL & Tech): Good turnout with 9-13 parents

- ii. Valentines Day Fundraiser
    - 1. Call for parent volunteer to assist with selling PA Valentines
    - 2. Spent \$530 in materials and shipping. If all are sold, the PA can raise \$675
    - 3. Question: are they available for parents not available at pick-up.
      - a. Yes: The valentines can be pre-ordered and will be available for sale throughout the afternoon
  - iii. Parents Forum
    - 1. Current plans to redevelop 1727 Amsterdam Ave by the BRC
    - 2. The PA invited the BRC to a Parent's Forum on March 6
    - 3. Question: Is it now a drug treatment program?
      - a. Answer: It is a combination of healthcare groups: Emma Bowen, specialized school, eye care, Heritage Healthcare.
  - iv. Next Principal coffee hour: 3/7. Principal Matos available to answer questions.
  - v. Book Fair: Scheduled for 4/16-18
    - 1. Planning to have events along with the fair, including story time with family or friends. Maybe superhero theme day
    - 2. Goal for children to get books at fair and read them during Spring Recess
  - vi. Finance Workshop: Planned for Parents and 5th Graders separately. Survey to go out to learn needs and questions
  - vii. Parent/Caregiver Appreciation Day: Instead of Mother's Day or Father's Day, Principal Matos would like to have a general parents appreciation day
  - viii. Parent Workout Classes: Scheduled 9-10 classes in May-June with local personal trainer to help parent's exercise
  - ix. 5th Grade Dance/Carnival: PA might support with a grill for cooking.
  - x. Uniform Collections: PA will collect gently used uniforms and clothes for redistributing to parents in need.
  - xi. Spring Show: Parents can also join the show on June 5th
5. Treasurer's Report
- a. Financial report
    - i. Current balance: \$9,155.93
      - 1. Recent Transactions:
        - a. \$535.14 debit: Valentines Day fundraiser materials
        - b. \$214.28 debit: Full year for PA website hosting
        - c. \$370 credit: Final payment from Real Photo
      - 2. PA is in good shape financially to support upcoming events and new programs
6. Next PA meeting: March 15th 5:30pm
7. Question: Parent concern on child with ELL needs not receiving proper education
- a. Answer: PA will follow-up via email and alert the administration
8. Gift Card Winners
- a. Offered 2 \$25 metrocards
  - b. Online: Nicole
  - c. In-person: Steve
9. Adjournment

a. 6:09pm