

PS153 PA MEETING MINUTES		
LOCATION	DATE OF MEETING	TIME OF MEETING
PS153 Book Nook & Zoom	03/15/2024	5:30pm
MEETING PURPOSE		
Monthly Parent Meeting		

1. Attendees (3 board & 13 parents)
 - a. Keri Landeiro (President)
 - b. Leslie Wells (Treasurer)
 - c. Rafael Landeiro (Secretary)
 - d. Altagracia Rodriguez
 - e. Edy Bravo
 - f. Ayo Saromi
 - g. Nicole Thorpe
 - h. Rakiah Holman
 - i. Denise Gonzalez
 - j. Kagny Siby
 - k. Courtney Knights
 - l. Elena Elfe
 - m. Manuel Muy
 - n. Yamilca Valerio
 - o. Larry Busching
 - p. Steve Katz
2. Call to Order
 - a. 5:35pm
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved without objection
4. President's Report
 - a. District 6 Events
 - i. Upcoming Chancellor Town Hall announcement on 3/26
 - ii. NYPH Wellness event moved from March to May
 - b. PS153 Updates
 - i. Reminder to complete parent survey
 - c. Valentines Day Fundraiser Recap
 - i. Sold all but 16 out of 400 valentine kits
 - ii. Thank you for all who purchased
 - iii. PA Net: \$593
 - d. PA Programs & Events
 - i. PA goal is to hold events for all children in the school
 - ii. On Monday the NY Historical Society did an event for 3rd and 4th graders
 - iii. On Wednesday there was a puppet show for 3K - 2nd grade
 - iv. Family Game Night next Friday

1. Need parent volunteers
2. Courtney: It was a good opportunity for parents to socialize
- v. Already had 4 out of 5 title 1 classes already for ESL and technology classes
- vi. Allergic To Salad family cooking class planned for June
- vii. Today after school breakdance classes started
 1. Provided by Kids Breaking League
- viii. Principal Coffee Hour on 4/4, first Thursday every month
- ix. Scholastic Book Fair on April 16th-18th
 1. Plan to have after school activities during the fair
 2. Last book fair was in the fall, run by the school.
 3. Books can be purchased during the school day or in after school events.
- x. Parent Workout Classes start in May
- xi. Parent Finance Workshop on 5/15
- xii. PA Election meeting 5/17
- xiii. Spring Annual show on 6/5
- xiv. 5th Grade Finance Workshop 6/14
- xv. 5th Grade Carnival 6/18
- xvi. Uniform Collection for Recycling at the end of May
- e. Election Day Overview
 - i. PA Boards are elected
 - ii. Board positions available: President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - iii. SLT (Student Leadership Team), up to 7 parents
 - iv. Title 1 Parent Advisory Committee: Representative and parents
 - v. Election Formats
 1. Election Committee: Parents form a committee to run the election. Requires 3+ parents who are not on the board or running.
 2. Expedited Election; Election held during a meeting run by the board.
 3. Question: Can PA solicit nominations in an expedited election?
 - a. Answer: Yes
 4. Motion by Rafael to select the the election option
 - a. 0 election committee
 - b. 4 expedited elections
 - vi. Parents can reach out to the board with questions or interest in running

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Current balance: \$8,993.50
 - i. Recent Transactions:
 - 1. \$480 debit: New York Historical Society
 - 2. \$450 debit: WonderSpack Puppets
 - 3. \$350 debit: Sugar Hill Museum (deposit)
 - 4. \$10.88 debit: Google Workspace
 - 5. \$593.31 credit: Valentines Day Fundraiser
 - b. Financial report
- 6. New Business
 - a. Motion by Courtney to bring the Art Farm to PS153 and do their animal programming.
 - i. The Art farm cost can be covered by the Valentines Day fundraiser.
 - ii. Larry seconded
 - iii. Approved without objection
 - b. Other parents are welcome and encouraged to propose new ideas
 - c. Question: How much did the school raise in the fall book fair
 - i. Answer: School averages \$2,000
 - d. Question: Why don't crossing guards help with crossing Amsterdam by West 146th?
 - i. The PA is not sure, but will inquire
 - e. Update on the Sugar Hill Museum: The exhibit the children are visiting is ending early and the last trip will not be able to see it. The Museum will be offering a new exhibit for the last class.
 - f. Motion by Keri to reschedule the next meeting to Thursdays:
 - i. 4/12 to 4/11
 - ii. 5/17 to 5/16: Election day
 - iii. 6/21 to 6/13: Introduce board elect
 - iv. Approved without objection
- 7. Gift Card Drawing!
 - a. Offered 2 \$25 for Target
 - b. Online: Nicole
 - c. In-person: Yamilca
- 8. Adjournment
 - a. 6:10pm