



## **P.S. X014 Senator John Calandra**

### **PTA Executive Board 2023-2024**

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### PTA Meeting Minutes - 9.18.23

#### Agenda

#### Welcome

- Introduction of PTA Executive Board 2023-2024

#### Motion in of Minutes (No June Minutes/Treasurer's Report)

#### Treasurer's Report Motion

- Opening balance of \$7,030.13
- No expenses over the summer
  - Motioned in by: Leann Savino & Marisol Colberg

#### Principal Schulman Update

- NYC Reads – Chancellor's Initiative
  - Getting back to basics approach to reading
- 710 Students – 3k to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 91% school attendance today 9/18/23 - 75 students absent
  - 29% chronically absent – student missed 10%-20% available school days
    - 15% are severely absent – missed more than 20% available school days
- 51% of NYC school kids do not read at grade level (500K students)
- Universal screeners – 3 times a year (fall, winter, spring)

- K-2: Acandience Reading – measures reading readiness
- 3-5: iReady Reading – vocabulary and comprehension overall (fiction & non-fiction)
- Goes through 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October
- K-5: iReady Math
  - Numbers and operations
  - Algebra and Algebraic Thinking
  - Measurement and Data
  - Geometry
- All assessments done through the computer – instant grading provided to the teacher
- Curriculum will be placed online – transparency
  - Heggerty: 3k-2
  - Foundations: 3k-3
  - Sight Words: K-3
  - Units of Study: K-2
  - Expeditionary Learning: 3-5
    - Standard and grade level based, focused on
- NYS Standardized test results are on MySchools Account
- Reading is required nightly at home
- Reach out to Teacher’s for additional insight on support resources for homework help
- Work on number sense and reading
- Decodable reading – aligning foundations phonics sequence
- Emotional reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> step
  - Paws
  - Acts of Kindness
  - Book vending machine – earn tokens to buy books (will be part of PAW awards)
    - Super Star Reader
    - Super Star Math
    - Super Citizen
      - 29 classes
- 3 Core Functions of School
  - Reading, Writing, and Math
- Keep kids engaged – drumming, dance, hockey
- Influx in students registering into the school
- A dozen migrant students
- Cap size classrooms
  - Pre-k: 15 students
  - K: 25 students
  - 1 – 5: 32 students

### **Parent Coordinator Update**

- Sneak Peak of October events
- P.S. 14x Website – updated

- Can change language on top right to preferred language
- Remind link to join text message app to be kept updated on latest information
- Send fliers of upcoming events, and updates from Mr. Schulman
- Breakfast and lunch links takes directly to DOE website
  - Few times substitutions are made
- Important to label all child's items – cloths, lunch boxes, water bottles
  - Mabel's labels – fundraiser on web site to label
  - A lot of items are in school cafeteria – eventually will be put in container bin as lost & found
- Calendar for current month listed with upcoming events and days off
- School supplies list
- Teachers' emails have been added to the website for any communication needs as it relates to early pick-up, out-sick, etc.
- YMCA after school and additional options available to parents
- PTA Page to be updated with contact information and social media pages
- UCS – United Community Schools (Ms. Jackie – Director)
  - Food pantry – if you know of someone in need, please email Ms. Jackie to schedule for them to come in and shop food pantry.
  - Bucket drumming
- District Fall Events (37 schools in District 8)
  - Ms. Susy to provide an update soon on upcoming trunk event
- Family Connect – talent you feel parent community would like, please email Ms. Susy to schedule

### **New Business**

- Parent Association President's Executive Committee
  - This year they are requesting \$50 membership dues to participate
  - Majority Vote – 35 out of 54
    - Motioned by: Kathleen Alston & Danielle Ortiz & Leann Savino
- Sponsor D8 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CAR-nival – Requesting \$100 for cotton candy and popcorn for Throggs Neck BID Senator Nathalia Fernandez
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### **Fall Fundraiser**

- Meadow Farms Fundraiser
- Everything is done online and shipped directly to recipients' home

### **Upcoming Events**

- Annual Pumpkin Patch – October 22, 2023
- Time: TBD
- Donations needed – Food, snacks, parent volunteers

## Questions & Answers

- Cap size in classrooms
- Dismissal – poses risk to traffic
  - May need to call NYPD – Hannah or Kristy at Community Board at the 45<sup>th</sup> Precinct
  - Try to park a block or two away from the school
- Alternate dismissal area due to weather conditions
  - Only extreme weather conditions (yard covered in ice & snow)
  - Rain & drizzle will go outside
- Title 1 – Voting conducted every 2 years; it was completed last year so next voting will occur next year
- SLT – School Leadership Team: comprised of 5 staff members and 5 parent members. Parents have input. Stipend of \$10/hr for participation
- Welcome parent volunteers – cannot participate in child’s classroom
  - Can help during lunch duty
  - Keep an eye out during recess
  - Projects as needed throughout the day
    - Ms. Susy needs help separating clothes donation by size
  - Volunteers needed for -
    - School Book Fair
    - Picture Day
    - School Carnival
    - Making copies
  - Volunteer google form will be placed on webpage
- Any school clubs? Not at this time, but in the past, there was a crochet class, book club. If parents have a talent, they feel parent community would like they can volunteer
- Student government? Will be conducted this year; it is all student driven
- Do students plant in the school garden? That is the Science teacher’s goal; parent to email Ms. Gold to inquire more specifics
- What about putting together a talent show? Yes, we can talk about a talent show

## Adjournment

- Adjourned by:
  - Marisol Colberg
  - Danielle Ortiz