



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

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

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### **PTA Meeting Minutes – 9.16.24**

**Start Time:** 6:35pm

**End Time:** 7:30pm

#### **Agenda**

##### **Introductions**

- PTA Executive Board

##### **June Minutes Motion**

- *Motioned in by: Jennifer Castaldo & Priscilla Angeles*

##### **June Treasurer's Report Motion**

- Opening balance of \$14,143.06
- Income
- Expenses
  - Dunkin Donuts – Parent Orientation \$107.75
  - Five Below - \$32.66
  - Total Expenses – \$140.41
- Current balance - \$14,002.65
  - *Motioned in by: Lisa Baldassari & Leann Rodriguez*

##### **SLT Elections**

- What is School Leadership Team? Is a group of people who develop educational policies for their school. They also make sure there are resources to support those policies.

- Currently need 2 SLT Members and 2 Alternates
- On a given Tuesday every month (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month) at 3:45pm in person in the school
- It is a commitment – 2 years
- If you miss 2 or more meetings unexcused – you will be dismissed
- Stipend given at the end of June (\$10/hr); you would submit your hours and receive payment at the end of the school year
- Any parent is allowed to come in to any meeting from outside
- SLT Members Nominees -
  - Kristina Vargas – son in 3K; former Teacher and taught Special Education. Would love to be involved in school while incorporating previous experience and foster continuous collaboration with administration.
  - Jennifer Castaldo – son is currently in school and would like to be a part of helping the kids
  - Leeann Rodriguez – Parent of first grader, has two previous graduates, was previously a part of SLT and would like to come back to ensure student safety.
  - Alternate - Christina Morales
- **SLT Elected Members** – Kristina Vargas & Jennifer Castaldo
- **Alternate Members** – Christina Morales & Leeann Rodriguez

## PTA Updates

### Fundraisers

- Meadow Farms – online shopping fundraiser taking place from 9/17/24-10/27/24
  - Online store – QR Code to scan or visit website and enter group ID
    - Orders are done all online; sent directly to the purchaser's home; does not involve collecting any money.
  - All information will be sent home with students - in a packet and will include prize information
- School Store – using for 3 years now; Teachers greatly benefit from this fundraiser
  - Shop through school store link at your regular retailers, and we will receive a certain %
- Spirit Wear – link on P.S. Website & Instagram Bio
  - This year's items include - Hoodies, T-Shirts, White dri-fit shirt, pajama pants, Stainless Steel Cups

## **Important Dates**

- Community Forum – 9/28/24
  - 11am-2pm
    - Crosby Ave Yard
- Picture Days – 10/8 & 10/9
  - Last day to submit order form will be 10/7 - NO EXCEPTIONS
  - 3K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 10/8 - 3K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
    - 10/9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking class picture and Senior pictures in January
      - If you do not have the class number, please put Teacher name on form
      - Packages vary from \$55 Packages to \$13 single items
      - If no background selected; background #1 will be chosen as default
      - Please do not have students wear green because the backdrop is green and the students will blend in with the background
- Parents Needed
  - Events
  - Lunch Duty
    - Lunches start at 10:55am-1:15pm
    - We discourage volunteering during your child's lunch period because it causes distractions and students would want to go home, but we highly encourage parents to volunteer for lunch duty.
  - Volunteer Sign Up – [wolfpackpta14@gmail.com](mailto:wolfpackpta14@gmail.com)

## **Kindergarten Curriculum & Sight Words Workshop w/Ms. Weiss**

- Kindergarten is like the new 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Every day the students starts with Heggerty
  - Learning compound words
  - Learning how to say sentences and how to pull them apart and put together
- Foundations – letter sounds are being learned through January
  - Includes tapping out sounds
- This year we started with new H&H
  - Story plots
  - Fiction & Non-Fiction
- High Frequency Words – Hard Words

- Formerly known as Sight Words
- Teachers will send out notices to parents once they start introducing these words and how to best support your child with this learning process
  - Recommendation to parents is to put the Hard words on index cards and practice every day
  - Play games – put the words on a piece of paper and put a toy above it so if they want to play with the toy, they must first say the word(s)

### **Parent Coordinator Updates**

- Remind everyone to please write your child’s names on their water bottles, lunch boxes, clothes, book bags.
  - Ms. Susy will set up the link for parents to order from Mabel’s Labels again this year; will be on the school website <https://ps14.org/>
- Posted capture link on PS14 website (<https://ps14.org/>) for parents to submit their email address to ensure parents are kept in the loop of all updates.
- Please download the Remind app – messaging system Ms. Susy sends out the latest information in real time.

### **Q&A**

**Q.** Individual & Class Photos will be on the same day?

**A.** There are different grade blocks for each day. Please be sure to submit your picture forms by 10/7. There will be an option for retakes after we receive the first round of photos.

**Q.** Are there any positions available to join the PTA?

**A.** All Parents are automatic members of the School PTA. The Executive Board is currently filled; we currently do not have Parent Liaisons for each individual grade at this time. For October’s meeting we will be updating our By-Laws and will be establishing a By-Laws committee. You get to learn how the PTA works.

**Q.** Is there a way to get a summary about what was discussed on back-to-school night? I couldn’t attend.

**A.** Yes, Ms. Susy will upload to school website for parents who weren’t able to attend to view the presentation.

**Q.** Is PTA going to be online via Zoom all year?

**A.** Trying to get the PTA meetings back in person. So there may be alternating one meeting online and one meeting in person throughout the year.

**Q.** How many PTA meetings are there?

**A.** One meeting a month, usually the second to last Monday of each month. Please follow us on social media and visit the school website to stay up to date with the latest information. Please feel free to send us an email if you have any questions.

**Q.** If you alternate in person and on Zoom, will there be an option to join virtually?

**A.** We will need to confirm in our by-laws if that is possible.

**Adjournment:**

*Bridget Vogt & Jenny Ortiz*