

General PTA Meeting (Online) – January 17, 2024

- Call to Order - 6:03 pm
- President's Report - Shayna Phetsarath (Vice President)
 - Announcements:
 - Welcome Week (1/22 -1/27)
 - Teachers will reach out about when to come into the school
 - State Exams Workshop, 2/7 @6pm
 - Grade 3-8
 - D14 Parent Coordinators are putting on the talk
- Right at School - Michelle Higgins (Area Manager)
 - Has taken over the Brooklyn area schools
 - She has read about all the concerns and issues. Apologizes for what has been happening
 - New program manager is starting next week. Christopher
 - They have hired all new staff
 - Doing complete background checks for all new staff
 - Hear concerns about going outside and homework. They are implementing changes to allow for that and follow the curriculum as it is written
 - Would love to join other events. Can't make it to Winter Fest
 - Q&A:
 - Is there an email to contact you at?
 - Yes: michelle.higgins@rightatschool.com
 - Can the list of concerns that be shared so we know they are being addressed?
 - Yes. In a couple of days. She will share with the PTA
 - Who in the school do we contact with issues?
 - Monique Hernandez (Assistant Principal) and Dinayomi Fernandez (Parent Coordinator) are the school contacts
- Winter Festival - Farrah Faverey (Recording Secretary)
 - Winter Fest is Jan 20 from 11-2pm at the school
 - There will be sock skating, loaded hot chocolate, musical performances from the students, crafts, STEM activities, merch and more!
 - We need more volunteers to help run all of these amazing activities. Please [sign up](#) and give an hour if you can!
 - There are a few things that don't have any volunteers. Don't be afraid - everything will be set up and arranged already. Floaters will also be very helpful.

- Fiesta - Jessica Moskowitz (Corresponding Secretary)
 - March 9th, @Williamsburg Opera House (on Berry St, bright near school)
 - Biggest fundraiser of the year
 - Party for adults only
 - Online auction
 - Want to raise \$50-70k
 - Need auction items:
 - Artwork, purses, hotel stays, AirBnBs, tickets to shows, beauty products, restaurant gift cards etc
 - Need as many as possible. Please email PTA if you get a donation
 - Can also join the auction committee
 - Themes (how we decorate and what we wear):
 - Last year was 90's
 - This year's options to be voted on:
 - Diamonds and Denim
 - Vamos a la Playa
 - Pajama Party
 - **WINNING VOTE: DIAMONDS AND DENIM**
 - If you want to join the Fiesta Committee we will be having a meeting soon

- Principal's Report - Tiffany Rosario (Vice Principal)
 - Welcome Week
 - 3-K and Pr- K are project based activities
 - K-8 will be math focused activities
 - Check dates on Bloomz
 - In 3-K and Pre-K
 - Progress Reports will be coming out in the next week
 - Parents have been asking for more work product to be sent home
 - Teachers will be pulling a sampling and sending them home soon
 - Library Fines
 - Families will not be charged or penalized. Apologize if anyone received a letter
 - We are trying to find a way to get students to return books on time
 - Will talk to SLT to come up with a plan

- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)

Previous Balance as of 12/17/23:	\$114,000.31
Income between 12/17/23 - 1/15/24:	\$3,637.70
Expenses between 12/17/23 - 1/15/24:	\$521.45
Current Balance as of 1/15/24:	\$93,956.06

 - Expenses
 - Preparation for Winter Fest
 - Credit card processing fees
 - Can always contact PTA if you have questions about how we spend money

- Big expenses are about to start rolling in: residencies etc.

- Q&A
 - What if we don't have enough time to do a whole session at Winter Fest?
 - That's fine - we will take whatever time you can give!

- Approval of Minutes from 12-20-23

- 6:40pm Meeting Adjourned

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PS 84 PTA Financial Reports 2023-24

January 2024

Date	Source	Income	Expense	Description
12/17/2023	Previous Balance	\$90,839.81		
Income				
	Direct Donations	\$1,110.00		recurring donations - visit www.ps84k.org to enroll!
	Corporate Matching	\$1,516.70		ask your employer about corporate giving!
	PS 84 Merch	\$1,011.00		Store84 Spirit Wear
	Total Income	\$3,637.70		
Expenses				
	Square		-\$128.47	PTA Supplies - Card/Chip Readers (2)
	Staples		-\$26.64	Printing - Winter Fest Posters
	VistaPrint		-\$120.83	Printing - Winter Fest Postcards & Banner
	Amazon		-\$195.93	Winter Fest Supplies
	DropBox		-\$11.99	PTA File Storage
	Paypal Fees		-\$27.28	Processing Fees
	Venmo Fees		\$0.00	Processing Fees
	Stripe Fees		-\$10.31	Processing Fees
1/15/2024	Total Expenses		-\$521.45	
1/15/2024	Current Balance	\$93,956.06		

TREASURER'S REPORT





General PTA Meeting (In-Person) – December 20, 2023

- Call to Order - 8:35am
- President's Report (Pamela Vasquez - President)
 - Giving Week Update
 - Made over \$25k
 - Thank you to Jessica Moskowitz for spearheading
 - SLT Update
 - Recess
 - Recess is not getting taken away. Only the principal can take it away.
 - There has been a lot of rough play so kids have been taken aside.
 - They will be spreading out to the handball court etc so they're not all clumped together
 - Classroom Closures
 - Four classrooms were closed due to peeling paint. Waiting for test results.
 - Kids have been moved to other rooms (4-3 and 2-2). They are in the STEAM, library and music rooms
 - Lost and Found
 - Does someone want to take on the lost and found? A parent expressed interest but no one has come forward.
 - Emails Sent to the PTA
 - Reach out to your Vice Principal for curriculum and personal issues, not the PTA
 - Debate Teams
 - Middle school won 1st place!
 - Elementary was 7th place
 - There is another debate in Jan
 - New running team in middle school
 - First 5k run last weekend
 - Ms Melody and Ms Peguero sent video to parents
 - Next team will be 8th graders also. This was just 6 & 7
 - Safety Team Update
 - Asked that band practice not come before 7:15am. Children are not allowed in the building before then
 - Teachers need to reach out to parents about timing
- Winter Festival (Farrah Faverey - Recording Secretary)
 - Winter Fest is Jan 20 from 11-2pm at the school!
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)

Previous Balance as of 11/13/23:	\$114,000.31
Income between 11/13/23 - 12/17/23:	\$39,533.78
Expenses between 11/13/23 - 12/17/23:	\$16,373.28
Current Balance as of 12/17/23:	\$90,839.81

 - Merch sales over \$9000
 - Paid for the greenhouse
 - Got locks and cables for the soccer goals left on the turf
 - Expenses for merch
 - Coming up we will be paying for the residencies
- City's Panel for Educational Policy
 - Our treasurer, Jessamyn Lee is on the panel
 - Mayoral control of the DOE is up in June
 - Will be Jan 11 hearing here at Boys and Girls High School. You can testify. Signups closed 8 hrs before and written testimonies can be submitted at any time
 - Budget Cuts
 - We fund students not schools
 - Base amount for kids, extra funds for special needs etc
 - Concentration weight
 - All pooled together
 - This is why you're hearing that certain schools are losing money
 - PS 84 hasn't lost any funds yet
- Q&A
 - Can empanadas vendors sell at Winter Fest?
 - We'll let you know. Want donations first
 - Does the PTA pay for after school?
 - No
 - What are alternatives to mayoral control?
 - Started under Bloomberg. Used to be more local control before internet was widespread. Had nepotism and corruption. Was no CEC. Each district had a board. A lot of inequity
 - As an example, Chicago is transitioning out of mayoral control. More community control
 - Eric Adams has not been listening to parents. No checks and balances. He just does what he wants

- The state edu board would put together a think tank to figure out what the alternative would be. Happy medium with central control and local control
- Can put info into newsletter
- 15% budget cuts will be coming if Adam's cuts are approved
- We don't lose money as we serve English learners, etc
- In Jan, asylum seeking families start moving locations every 60 days
- Call city council member and tell them opposed to 60 day change. Causes harm for kids and school budgets
- City has 8.5 billion surplus. There is no reason for cuts
- What is the timeframe for advocacy?
 - Can we start a committee so people know how to write letters etc
 - Not too late after break
 - Email PTA if you want to join
- Right at school?
 - Regional manager called and said they weren't happy
 - Problems were: they were not going outside, when they were too chatty they had to put heads down on tables etc
 - New person will be making significant changes
 - Parents need to stay on top of it
 - Lack of training on Sayenne and her team
 - Michelle is new person
 - Jeff Allen is willing to talk about it to new person.
- YMCA can't be expanded?
 - We can ask
- If any parent wants to start a committee please reach out to the PTA. We can only help with after school. Nothing during the school day
- Approval of Minutes from 11-15-23
- 9:31am Meeting Adjourned