

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!

- There will be sock skating, loaded hot chocolate, musical performances from the students, crafts, STEM activities, merch and more!
 - We need volunteers to help run all of these amazing activities. Please [sign up](#) and give an hour if you can!
- 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

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PTA MEETING

AGENDA

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Pamela Vazquez
8:35am

- Giving Week Update
- SLT Update
- Safety Team Update
- Upcoming Events

WINTER FESTIVAL

Farrah Faverey & Mary Godfrey
8:45 am
January 20 (11am - 2pm)



Please scan QR code to sign up to volunteer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jessamyn Lee
8:55 am

Total Expenses
\$39,533.78
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PS 84 HEART & SOLE



PS 84 DEBATE TEAM



PRINCIPALS REPORT

Sereida Rodriguez
9:05 am

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

9:15 am

PTA MINUTES APPROVAL

9:28 am

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

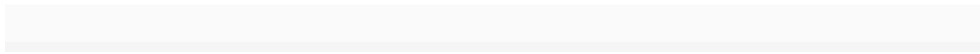
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Date	Source	Income	Expense	Description
11/13/2023	Previous Balance	\$114,000.31		
Income				
	Direct Donations	\$130.00		recurring donations - visit www.ps84k.org to enroll!
	Corporate Matching	\$66.68		ask your employer about corporate giving!
	PS 84 Merch	\$9,054.60		Store84 Spirit Wear
	Giving Week	\$7,122.00		Annual Pledge Drive - current donations received; corporate matches & private pledges total \$25k
	Total Income	\$16,373.28		
Expenses				
	NYSunworks		-\$23,139.39	Greenhouse Maintenance & Curricular Materials
	Edison Robots		-\$1,489.00	Edison Robot Kits for STEAM Lab
	Amazon		-\$243.80	STEAM - rechargeable batteries for robots
	Amazon		-\$58.31	Facilities Support - cables & locks to secure soccer goals
	ST Screenprint		-\$4,388.50	PS Merch - Printing
	Bolt Printing		-\$942.60	PS 84 Merch - caps
	4Imprint		-\$1,377.81	PS 84 Merch - mugs
	S&S Activewear		-\$6,579.18	PS 84 Merch
	H&M		-\$479.76	PS 84 Merch
	Staples		-\$123.25	Printing - Tour Flyers
	Amazon		-\$243.80	Winter Festival - Glice
	TechSoup		-\$75.00	PTA Supplies - Quickbooks Subscription
	DropBox		-\$11.99	PTA File Storage
	Paypal Fees		-\$61.92	Processing Fees
	Venmo Fees		-\$2.66	Processing Fees
	Stripe Fees		-\$316.81	Processing Fees
12/17/2023	Total Expenses		-\$39,533.78	
12/17/2023	Current Balance	\$90,839.81		

General PTA Meeting (Online) – November 15, 2023

- Call to Order - 6:07pm
- President's Report (Shayna Phetsarath - Co-Vice President)
 - Reading of President Pamela Vasquez's Remarks
 - Thank you to all our volunteers for making our recent events so successful
 - Exciting New Developments
 - Debate Club for 3rd and 4th graders
 - Heart & Sole track club for Middle School
 - High School applications are due Dec. 1
 - This Friday is our last Middle School tour
 - Recaps of Recent Events
 - Family Portrait Day (Elizabeth Katz - Co-Vice President)
 - Fun, successful day
 - Just over \$8000 raised
 - Photos should be ready in the next week or so
 - You can use Minted for 20% off of holiday cards, gifts etc
 - Discount Code is: **FUNDRAISEPS84**
 - PTA gets a 50% kickback
 - Super Mario Penny Challenge (Jessica Moskowitz - Corresponding Secretary)
 - The challenge was really fun for the kids! Everyone got more and more competitive each day.
 - 2nd grade won the lower school challenge
 - 6th grade won the Middle School challenge
 - We raised \$4553
 - Hopefully we will do it again next year. Kids seemed really into it.
 - Ms Rodriguez will let each grade know what day they'll get free recess
 - Marathon Bake Sale (Shayna Phetsarath)
 - Our annual bake sale was on Marathon Sunday, Nov 4th
 - So many amazing goodies from families. Everything was donated or baked by our community
 - We raised over \$3000
 - This Friday is the final Middle School tour. Lower school tours start in December.
- Special Guest - North Brooklyn Open Streets
 - Were not able to attend the meeting
 - We thank them for volunteering at the Marathon Bake Sale



- Special Guest - Right at School (Nicholas Stanton - Area Manager for Brooklyn schools)
 - Some updates
 - New curriculum:
 - Right Club Gives Back
 - Community based. Kids wrote letters of gratitude to custodians. They will give them out at end of week
 - Upcycling
 - Families will send it bottle caps for a mural
 - Parent survey went out and got some great feedback. Will meet with senior leadership next week to go over everything. Had 91% of families give feedback
 - RAS staff can help with coin rolling and give assistance to the PTA if needed
- Principal's Report (Monique Hernandez - Assistant Principal)
 - Gratitude Week has been a huge success. Grades 1 and 2 were switched to Friday as our school was selected to be visited by superintendents from around the city
 - **11/27 @ 9:30am:** Early Childhood is hosting literacy workshops to focus on NYC Reads
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)

Previous Balance as of 10/16/23:	\$ 108,442.55
Income between 10/16/23 - 11/13/23:	\$10,271.50
Expenses between 10/16/23 - 11/13/23:	\$4,713.74
Current Balance as of 11/13/23:	\$114,000.31

 - 10k came in this month
 - Expenses included:
 - CoolCulture Pass
 - Various processing fees
 - Next month's expenses will include:
 - \$25k to NY Sunworks for our greenhouse
 - Robot kits for STEAM (Mr Leslie)
- Fund Raising - Jessica Moskowitz
 - Giving Week (**Nov. 27 - Dec 10**)
 - Giving Week is the only time the PTA asks for straight monetary donations
 - We have a lot of big things coming up to pay for. Giving Week is when we can really refresh our bank account
 - Our PTA pays for so many amazing things: the Greenhouse, robot kits, artist residencies, sheet music, digital cameras and so much more
 - Envelopes will go out soon and you can also give online
 - Find out if your company does corporate matching to double your impact
 - Donors Choose
 - That same week Donors Choose will be matching donations. We have 8 projects for the school that can be fulfilled

- Q&A
 - The final Middle School tour is full. Parent has a friend who wants to go. Can they get a spot?
 - Monique Hernandez: If it's just one person then please email her and she will get them a spot
 - How do you renew the Cool Culture card?
 - Dinayomi Fernandez: Reach out to the teacher. Second round will be coming up.
 - Where can I get more info about debate for 3rd & 4th?
 - Mr. Costa (School Librarian): First practice was this morning. Meeting only 5 more times so it may be too late to join now. Need people to commit to all dates
 - There's another one in the Spring. No date yet.
 - The actual Debate is at MS 50
 - You can contact him for more information: mcosta13@schools.nyc.gov
 - Is the debate open to the public?
 - Mr Costa: Not sure. Contact MS 50 for more information
 - In the past it was live streamed and parents couldn't even go
 - Media and politicians are often present and the winner gets their picture in paper etc

- Approval of Minutes from 10-18-23

- 6:39pm Meeting Adjourned