



OCTOBER, 2017
PA General Meeting
Tuesday, October 24

Guest Speakers:

Ms Hui, Parent Co-ordinator , PS174

MEETING MINUTES

7pm

-Call to Order; Malini Daniels, Vice-President

-Motion to approve September 2017 minutes was seconded

Fundraising Report; Malini Daniels

-Update on Cherrydale Orders, continue to be processed. Orders will arrive in time for Thanksgiving.
Final figures by November.

-School Spirit Day

Pajama Day was a great success.

Discussion around Freaky Friday theme. Promote it but it is not Halloween costume.

-Life Touch Picture Day

In process. Final figures in November

-Halloween Smencils

A lot of orders from the younger grades. Bulk of orders have been fulfilled.

-Halloween Party

Still looking for volunteers and donations for coffee, water.

Setup at 11 in the gym scheduled. Games, decorations and food has been co-ordinated.

-Pumpkin Patch

Money has been raised by Lower Grade parents contributions.

Order placed for delivery 10/30. Custodians have been advised.

-Scholastic Book Fair

Coming up in November. Volunteers needed to work in shifts.

Board members needed for money handling.

Any questions? No

Treasurers Report; David Heath on expenses and funds raised

-Membership

Dues continues to come in. Discussion to send out reminders and second round letter.

The PA should continue to work to put the word out.

–Nurse still in need of water. Parent volunteered to purchase this from Costco.

Any questions? Yes

Some discussion that the PA should not be fiscally responsible for providing water to the outside classrooms.

SLT Report; David Heath parent rep on School Leadership Team

Discussion of upcoming con-con vote. Unions oppose.

Any questions? No

5th Grade Committee Report; Year Books

• **Meet Ms Hui;** Parent Co-ordinator

–Her role is to provide parents with information/community info/school updates/academically and school// biggest way of receiving my email is via email

–Please email her via your own email so that it's accurate

–We have many parent activities including Parent Workshops

–All the money the PA raises- comes back to the school to different areas from the proposed budget// assembly programs// Stem assembly, anti-bullying// classroom needs

–School has a fixed budget that we work with. Need extra funds from the PA// meeting with people like Councilwoman K. Koslowitz to find out about receiving more allocated funds (for things like upgrades in the auditorium). Still a big process, but it's a step in the right direction

–Your vote counts!// We are constantly looking for parent engagement// Mon. and Tues. until 3:55 is a good time to talk to parents

–Middle School Choice Preparation offered for graduating 5th graders

–Kindergarten Enrollment books are in, online application

–G&T books went home, online application

–Concerns with child's class—write the teacher a note in the homework folder so they see it sooner than email//teachers might not check their school email account every day

–Parent teacher conferences are important to attend. November 16.

–Library Tuesdays

–Gym clothing for sale. Online purchase.

–Special School Programs

Scripps Spelling Bee is a highlight of the year. Students prepare for classroom, then grade, then District 28 competitions. PS 174 successfully competed in both the Queens and Citywide Spelling Bees over the past 2 years. Thank you to the PA for support in enrolling our school every year Young Debaters program is planned to continue for all 5th graders.

We have new books! Phonics, handwriting, word study books, and “Simple Solutions” grammar books for grades 1-5. All skills are connected to Common Core Learning Standards

Updated goals every 4-6 weeks

–Adjournment 8:28 pm

