

AMPARK PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

AGENDA

Board Members

Co-Presidents: Odaliz Vasquez and Tina Ponce

Treasurer: Joseph Ibarra

Co-VPs of Fundraising: Jessica Benjamin and Rosemary Gonzalez

VP of Parent Involvement: Brandi Williams El

Secretary: Elora Ibarra

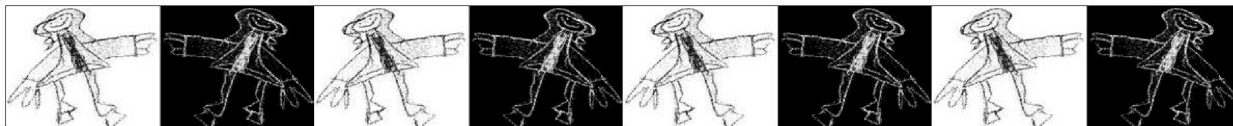
SLT (School Leadership Team) Vote – Congratulations to Samantha Rivero

I. Call to Order – 6:18 PM

II. Principal's Report – Ms. Meena

****Ice Breaker** Mood Meter**

- SING/Hispanic Heritage Month celebration recap
- Report Cards - November 5th
- Parent Teacher Conference – afternoon and evening sessions - November 7 – half day for students – 11:30 AM dismissal
- iReady Family Report – results for September iReady assessments will go home with the children
- Double Good Fundraiser
 - 1st place winner - Price Bennett, K02 – raised over \$4,000 – class will receive a pizza party
 - 2nd place winner – Aida Garcia, Kindergarten – raised \$3,300 – class will receive extra recess on a chosen Friday
 - 3rd place winner – Skyler Stevens, 302 – raised almost \$2,000 – class will receive an ice cream party
- Department of Education has changed grading policy - AmPark decided to base grading on assessments
 - Math, ELA and Social Studies are being graded
 - Science does not have grades – Ms. Erin was out on maternity leave; substitute teacher does not provide grades
 - Based on HMH - end of week and module assessments
 - Students graded on only 6 weeks of assessments
- Parent/teacher conferences are all remote – all year



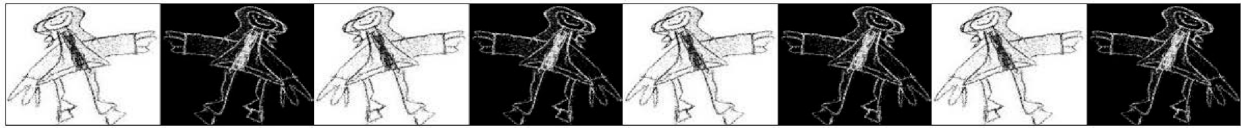
- December Nutcracker event at Lehman College – all students (grades K-5) will be attending thanks in part to Rosemary (PA Co-VP of Fundraising and Joel & Valentina's mom)
- Common Interim Assessments – DOE wide assessment – notification sent to parent/guardians
 - Mock State tests for 3-5 grade
 - Not graded – used to gauge of students how students are performing – is curriculum is performing to State standards
 - Held 3 times in the year – October, January and May
 - March of dimes – donation are welcome
 - Pumpkin donations for classes to participate in the pumpkin display
- November 1st – Diwali holiday for DOE
- November SING will be held on November 4th, 6th & 7th and will incorporate Diwali celebration.

Questions:

- Explain HMH scores – how does 3 & 4 translate? 80% = 1 wrong - no
 - 3 = 80-90%
 - 4 = 91-100%
 - Grades are based on combined scores – HMH (ELA and writing) & Eureka Square (Math)
- Will students get a break from the new process of increased testing? - After DOE testing, there should be reduced computer testing and more small group instruction
- Are the assessments all on iReady? No – iReady is one of the platforms but HMH is where bulk of information is taught
- Is testing done on computers? Desktops or iPads? – iPads with keyboard attachments
- How are parents being notified for State tests? Testing dates will be confirmed in January
 - Common Interim Assessments? Notice placed in Owl Blog
- When will the AmPark apparel arrive? 2 weeks

III. Parent Coordinator's Report – Ms. Elvira

- Middle School Application – now accepting applications – deadline December 20th
- Kindergarten application – December 10th
- School tour dates TBA – will be announced on Owl Blog
- CPR scheduled – new date – Nov 8th – American Heart Association canceled due to staff shortage. AmPark parent will lead training
- November school closures
 - Nov 1 – Diwali
 - Nov 5 – Election Day
 - Nov 7 – Early dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Nov 11 – Veteran's Day
 - Nov 28-29 – Thanksgiving break



IV. President's Report – Odaliz/Tina

- Approval of September meeting minutes – motion to approve - approved
- Voting in on the new SLT Parent member
- Book Fair Nov 13 through Nov 15 – 9AM – 2PM and 2PM – 5PM.
 - Close early on Friday, Nov 15 at 2PM
 - E-wallets strongly recommend – PA will send out instructions for set up
 - Reminder to remind teacher that children have an e-wallet
 - Donations of gently used books are being requested
- Lost & Found – parents encouraged to check lost and found

V. Fundraising report – Rosemary/Jessica

- Harvest Festival – estimated for Friday, November 22nd will include DJ, dance party, musical chairs, games, crafting stations, bake sale – more details to follow.
- Cookie dough fundraiser – Mrs. Fields cookies – starts November 4th and ends after the book fair to allow shipping time before the holiday season

VI. Parent Involvement – Brandi

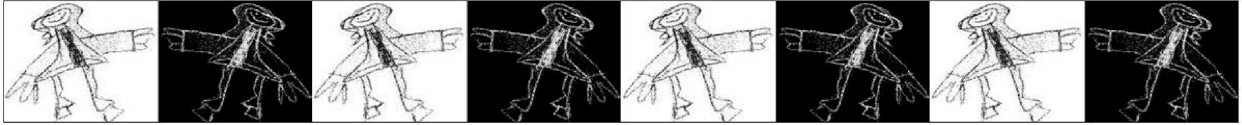
- Parents Night Out recap – Santa Fe parents only event was a success with a great parent turnout; next event possible in January
- FriendsGiving Potluck – November 15 – family event with activities; bring a dish – please include card with ingredients/allergy warning

VII. 5th Grade Committee – Jaime/Barbara/Nicki

- What has been accomplished already
 - \$12,456 raised
 - Booked senior trip to Holiday Hill in June
 - 5th grade voted on Miestros for 5th grade dance
- What is currently being worked on
 - Silent Auction – February (possible date)
 - Prizes to include hotel stays in Orlando, NY, Washington; signed posters from Dexter Lawrence (Giants) and Jets player
- Fundraisers =
 - Double Good Popcorn - \$7,656
 - World Series Pool - \$1,000
 - Sold leftover World's Finest Chocolate - \$1,800
 - Parents Association donation - \$2,000
- Next meeting October 24th

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Joe

- Beginning Balance a/o 9/1/24= \$15,209.60
- Ending Balance a/o 9/30/24= \$13,811.97



- Deposits in that time
- Credit Interest =\$1.21
- 5th Grade Fundraiser Deposit =\$500.00
- Reimbursement Checks
- \$13.49 PA equipment expense
- \$62.98 PA Food expenses
- Scholastic Book Fair
- \$1,822.37 - May '24 Invoice
- Current Balance: \$21,467.97
- Checks Issued-not cashed
- \$350-PA expense Hispanic Heritage Sing Food
- \$300-World Vision invoice
- \$1,500- Bloomz Invoice
- Deposit after 9/30
- \$7,656- 5th grade 2x Good fundraiser
- Total money to be expected to pay out: \$9,806
- Anticipated balance after funds paid: \$11,661.97

Question:

- Double Good fundraiser went directly to the school, amount to be disclosed by Ms. Meen

IX. New Business

None

X. Adjournment – 7:07PM