



## **AMPARK PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 20th, 2021

### **1. Call to Order: 6:10 PM**

**Opening Guest** - Chef Ricardo / Chef Marian and Elvira DeJesus (new parent coordinator)

Guest 1:

Elvira was school safety and is now our parent coordinator

She started in this new role December 1st

Contact her with any concerns or questions: [edejesus30@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:edejesus30@schools.nyc.gov)

Guest 2:

Chef Ricardo and Marian

Beet brownies! Yum : )

You can find the recipe on the Ampark website

### **2. Icebreaker with Anna and Audrey**

Energy Ball: <https://youtu.be/SM1-OajxfE0>

More wellness coming soon after the break

### **3. Principal's Report** - Kelly, Bonnie and Dany

1. Citywide Covid situation is getting worse and worse - we might need to go fully remote - waiting on situation room ... Bonnie makes a call to the situation room ... Bonnie sends potential case letters out as soon as she gets them ... 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade are currently quarantining
2. Viral Tik Tok went out last week threatening violence in the schools - Building Response Team met and went over protocols
3. Librarian is moving to a three day a week F Status schedule. Every child will have access to librarian and receive instruction
4. Ampark has lost about 8-10% in enrollment. Elvira and Sandra did amazing outreach - we were only missing 7 lunch forms (98%)... We did not receive title 1 funding for next year - we are close but not there - missing it by under 10% ... We applied for a grant for next year to get extra funding

5. Betty Park is finally open. It's bigger and nicer. Student council had their first meeting out there.
6. All virtual festival of lights with Josh at 6pm on Wednesday - link is on the Owl blog and also posted here:

Topic: AmPark's Festival of Lights Family Holiday Sing A Long

Time: Dec 22, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81859570717?pwd=VDZEeEICWkxIWDZjMEM2Rk1JOE5lZz09>

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7. 5th grade committee meeting is upcoming: January 5th, 6pm - link to come

#### **4. Parent Coordinator Report - Elvira**

K and 1st grade attendance is lower. Looking for ways to encourage kids to come to school... certificates... awards ...

Some parents shared that their kids aren't used to going to school every day so it's a struggle

Also that the early childhood experience has changed and isn't as fun - the kids don't enjoy it - school should be fun especially in the early years - are there ways to bring some of this back so that the kids want to come?

Middle school enrollment begins when we return - January 10 - Feb. 28th

There is a college workshop

#### **5. Approval of November Minutes**

Google doc got deleted somehow : (

In the future I will download these minutes into a PDF / Word and send them out that way as well

Odaliz summarized last month's meeting minutes

## **6. Co-Presidents' Report- Odaliz and Janine**

Janine and Odaliz attended the district council meeting - it was LONG

Our PA would like to keep meeting virtually. More people attend. It feels safer with covid situation.

- Tuesday - Holiday headgear day tomorrow
- Wednesday - Ampark spirit day (purple and gray or Ampark gear)
- Thursday - Pajama day

5th grade committee meeting is at 6pm on January 5th - link is on the website

Next month's special guests are the Ampark Social Emotional Learning team

2020-2021 Teacher Grants and other budget matters upcoming

## **7. Parent Involvement - Anna**

Thanks for coming to the winter walk!

Raffle drawing - Winner Mike (Francesca Martinez 2nd grade) gets \$145.50! AND OMG - he wants to donate his winning to the school SO... we have a total of \$291.

If you have any ideas for an event, please reach out to Anna!

## **8. Fundraising Report**

November: Double goods

January: Superbowl Square fundraiser upcoming - more info is coming soon about how it will work... \$20 per square - you can do as many as you want

If you have any fundraising ideas for the new year - reach out to Jaime and Robyn  
[Rqspiegel@me.com](mailto:Rqspiegel@me.com)

## **9. Treasurers' Report- Kyle**

Current Balance: \$22,406.07

# will be going down a little bit because of teacher grants

#### **10. New Business**

#### **11. Adjournment 7:56pm**