

The Parent – Teacher Organization

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Call to Order

Introduction of the 24/25 Board

Welcome & the Pledge of Allegiance

Principal's Report

- School Leadership Team (SLT)
 - last meeting was May 27th
 - review CEP to set goals in various categories, will be voted on in June meeting
 - iReady Ready - goal was to increase the percentage of students at grade level or above by 5% year over year (take it from 72% to 77%)
 - based on iReady, Reading was the same this year at 72% of students at/above grade level, need to review why it didn't increase and set the goal for next year, why has it been the same for the last 4 years?!
 - Math iReady increased 2% from 67% to 69% at/above grade level
 - Exploring options, potentially reducing computerized for K-2 and use acadience, reading tests on computers for 3-8, math on computers for K-8
 - Continue conversations and explorations about how to increase the percentage of students at/above grade level in Reading and Math
 - College & Career readiness - still time to activate saving accounts
 - Absentism - goal is to have only 10% of students as chronically absent, this year we're at 16% (down from 19% last year)
 - Cellphone usage at school, currently students can bring to school but not use, keep monitoring
 - AI - Currently there's no district-wide policy , it is impacting schools and need to determine appropriate usage, will be setting a policy for the school itself
- Safety
 - all drills are done for the year
 - new fire alarm was used for the last evacuation drill, bell is louder (can be heard outside), flashing lights, it was very effective
- 100th Anniversary celebration events - very successful, an amazing day
- Air Conditioning
 - more money coming from the state to match the received \$450,000 from 2024 Participatory Budget win, total of \$950,000 to work on providing AC to common areas - cafeteria, auditorium, etc.
- Residencies
 - Art House Astoria - Middle School afterschool program has it's culminating event
 - Little Orchestra Society - finished up its residency with the 2nd grade sharing
 - Shakespeare (8th grade) is wrapping up
 - Kidspire to showcase their work

- Testing
 - Biology regents - June 10th
 - Spanish Exams - June 23rd
 - Algebra regents - June 18th

Parent Coordinator Report

- thank you for a great year
- Centennial Celebration was amazing - carnival outside, museum inside
- Making a Time Capsule - families & classrooms can still contribute, open it in 10-15 years, if you want to send in a trinket there's still time
- Summer Reading - not having iReady this summer but there's Sora online and the public libraries
- June 4th - NY Edge has its spring showcase in Manhattan, the Band from 122 afterschool performed
- Orientations for K and 6 went well
- G&T letters for grades 1-4 went out
- Summer Rising will be at PS 2, there will be a bus leaving from the school
- Parents groups - english class and wellness class have finished for the year, will resume in the fall

Student Council Report

- It's been a good year - fall fundraiser, 2 spirits weeks, respect for all week
- MS council members volunteered for K & 6 open houses, as well as field days and the centennial celebration

Financial Report with PTO Treasurer

- Current Balance: \$80,287.67
- Have had big fundraising events - carnival which raised over \$14K, snack sales, etc.
- Have funded some residencies and worked with Principal Pascarelli to support others
- Will have an end-of-school-year balance of around \$60,000 - a portion is set aside for the final Gala deposit, and additionally earmarking funds for new STEAM programming across the grades

PTO Announcements

- Connect with the PTO on social media, through the website, or via the newsletter
- 2 school counselors available for all students & community
- Graduations
 - Kindergarten - June 13th
 - 5th Grade - June 20th
 - 8th Grade - June 24th
- Introduction of the 25/26 Executive Board
- Celebrating the Departing Members of the Board - not returning or graduating

Senator Gianaris' Matching Gift

- receiving matching \$450,000 for common area Air Conditioners
- Check awarded at the Centennial Carnival

Participatory Budget Updates

- PS 122 is the recipient of TWO winning projects
 - Technology Upgrades, \$1 Million to be shared between 4 schools
 - Theatre Arts Programming - spearheaded by Griffin Brandt, been working on it since Sept 2023, tried last year but didn't get on the ballot, tried again this year and was on the ballot and won, residency with Art House Astoria - upper elementary, specifics to be determined

2025-2026 Budget Proposal & Vote

- last year's budget was \$145,000, which included centennial events, field trip assistance (school buses!), Donors Choose, sports team & cheerleader uniforms, etc,
- proposed budget of \$140,000 for enrichment programming, school support, events, assemblies, Donors Choose projects/teachers, and more
- Budget passes, unanimously approved by a show of hands vote

School Leadership Team (SLT)

- There are 3 parent spots open for expedited election
- In-person monthly meeting & any additional mandated supplementary meetings
- 2-year term
- need equal number of parents & staff, elections held by their group - teachers for theirs, PTO for parents
- Expedited Elections - 3 candidates, gave statement, show of hands vote to approve:
 - Mansi Narang
 - Quiana Godek
 - Sergio Gomez

PTO Community Events Yearly Recap

- Culture Night, Makers Markets, METS game, Kanga's Nights, Movie Nights, Centennial Carnival
- Review of what was raised, what was spend, and who was impacted (se infographic in slides)
- Pricing out using some of the balance to purchase a Book Vending Machine - tokens given for good work, good citizenship, prizes from contests, etc.

Volunteers

- There's still one last way to help this year - Snack Sale on June 17th!!
- Email the PTO to get on the list to be ready for next year

Noteworthy Dates

- Graduations: June 13th (K), June 20th (5th), and June 24th (8th)
- No School on June 19th for Juneteenth
- Last Day of School - June 26th

Student of the Month for May 2025 & June 2025

- video & certificate/ribbon/pencil distribution along with a photo with Principal Pascarelli
- cake to celebrate the end of the school year

Adjournment