PS 234 PTA Meeting Minutes | June 10, 2026

Final Meeting of the School Year-----

1. Parent Coordinator Update

- **June After-School Clubs:** Started last week and will continue through June 25th.
- **NYC Kids Rise Scholarship Accounts:** Parents are urged to activate their child's free college scholarship account at newyorkcitykids.org to receive a $100 starting bonus.
- **School Events:**
    - **Luau Day (Spirit Day):** Held on Friday, June 12th.
    - **Luau Family Engagement Party:** Scheduled for June 12th at 4:00 PM in the cafeteria and schoolyard.
- **Important Dates & Dismissals:**
    - **Juneteenth (No School):** Friday, June 19th.
    - **Last Day of School:** Friday, June 26th. Dismissal is 2:00 PM (no after-school clubs).
- **Summer Rising Program:**
    - Begins Wednesday, July 1st.
    - PS 70 Orientation & Barbecue: Monday, June 29th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

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2. PTA Leadership & Elections

- **Outgoing Board Tribute:** The administration and community expressed gratitude to co-president Becca Staley, honoring 12 years of dedication as she completes her final term.
- **Executive Board:** The incoming board was introduced, expanding to 10 members (including returning board members and role changes).
- **School Leadership Team (SLT) Elections:**
    - *Elected Parent Representatives:* Brian Saxon and Maybelline.
- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Elections:**
    - *Elected Members:* Emma Ramsey Saxon, Ken Stockfleet, and Gina Lee.

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3. Financial Report & Budget Updates

- **Financial Position:**

    - Year-to-date revenue: $65,668.52
    - Year-to-date expenses: $56,629.69
    - Current account balance: $57,814.90 ($33,000 allocated for existing funds/next year start-up; ~$2,000 in outstanding checks; unallocated balance: $22,884.21).
- **Approved Budget Amendments:**
    - **Giving Back Fund:** Approved moving the remaining balances from the fundraising budget (<$800) and athletic budget ($4) into the Community Giving Back line item.
    - **Stage Risers Purchase:** Approved combining remaining balances of the theater/ STEAM budget ($601) and performance budget ($827) to buy two new stage risers.
- **Special Programs Vote:** Approved $12,000 to bring back the **Asphalt Green** recess enhancement program (3 days/week for 38 weeks, covering K-5).
- **2026-2027 Proposed Budget:** Formally voted on and approved. Key changes include increasing the athletic budget (to $2,500) to help cover aging uniform replacements and separating school event funds.

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4. Fundraising & Event Highlights

- **Recent Successes:**
    - Original Works art fundraiser raised $555.50.
    - Movie Night (*Goat*) netted $234.
    - Raffle Night at Pig Beach generated over $1,000.
- **Upcoming & Sponsored Programs:**
    - **Cyclones Baseball Night:** Game scheduled for Sunday, June 14th at 2:00 PM (gates open at 1:00 PM). Ticket deadline was set for today.
    - **Year-in-Review Highlights:** Sponsored programs this year included Cosmic IQ ($10,650), KidsSpire, Dynasty Breakdancing, Bubble Dad, King Henry's Magic Show.
    - **STEAM Purchase:** Utilized matched Donors Choose funding alongside the STEAM budget to acquire a 3D printer and accessories at half price.

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5. Community & Student Updates

- **Community Initiatives:** Monthly Heritage Month DOE reading lists were integrated into the school Google calendar to encourage family discussions.

- **Student Council / Civics for All:** Student representatives shared highlights from the District 30 Civics for All Fair at PS 145, including a soapbox speech, interactive games, and project displays.
- **Citizens of the Month:** Students from Pre-K through 5th grade were recognized as June Citizens of the Month and rewarded with a free slice of cake courtesy of Paris Baguette. Certificates will be sent home.