



AMPARK PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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: Brandie Williams-El

Secretary: Elora Ibarra

Call to Order: 6:07 PM

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I. Principal's Report – Ms. Meena – delivered by Elvira

- Habit of the Month – **Synergize** - this habit is being emphasized here at AmPark this month
 - I value other people's strengths and learn from them.
 - I get along well with others, even people who are different than me
 - I work well in groups
 - I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems because I know that by teaming with others it can create better solutions than any one of us alone
 - I am humble
- Book of the month: My Block by Looks Like by Janine Haper – students were chosen to read the book during SING
- Kindergarten academic support began Tuesday, March 4th and academic enrichment began on Wednesday, March 5th
- NYC School Survey began Mondy, February 10th and extended through April 11th
 - The class with the highest participation rate will receive a pizza party and an extra period of Fun Friday
- Share table in the cafeteria – students are encouraged to place unopened food items from the lunchroom to be shared with those students who may want a second serving
 - Students are not permitted to share food from home among themselves
- 4th and 5th grade basketball starts on Thursday, April 10th. Playoff games will be held in May. Details to follow.

- FACE will hold a series of workshops for parents – provides strategies to make learning Math fun and engaging.
 - 1st session – 3/18 – Topic: Why Early Math at Home Matters
 - 2nd session – 3/25 – Topic: Counting and Skip Counting
 - 3rd session – 4/1 – Topic: Face Value
 - 4th session – 4/8 – Topic: Addition and Subtraction
 - 5th session – 4/22 – Topic: Geometry
 - 6th session – 4/29 – Topic: Measurement and Data
 - 7th session – Topic: 5/6 – Topic: Bringing it all together
- Science of Reading – 3-part workshop, held virtually in February and March, final session will be held April 10th flyer will be sent and information will be available on the Owl Blog
- Young Artist continues until May 8th
- Tea with the Principal – April 23 – parents are encouraged to join in-person meeting
- 30-minute a day iReady Challenge continues – K through 5th grade students
 - Prizes for K- 2nd grade:
 - Each class in grade with most logged minutes - pizza party with ice cream
 - The student with most logged minutes will receive mystery prize
 - Prizes for 3rd - 5th grade
 - The student with most logged minutes and completed lessons can win Yankee tickets, Mets tickets, hoverboard or \$100 gift card
- ELA State exam 3rd – 5th graders: April 29 & 30th
- Math State exam 3rd – 5th graders: May 7th & 8th
- Science State Exam – 5th graders only: May 15th
- Ms. Casey will host a test taking strategy zoom session: April 23rd at 7pm for 3rd – 5th grade parents – more information to follow via email and Owl Blog
- AmPark participated in the District Science Fair on April 5th – Congratulations to our winners Rocco & Dash from Ms. Evans' class
- Summer Rising application process dates:
 - 3/3 – Applications open
 - 3/28 – Applications close
 - 4/24 – Results delivered
 - 5/8 – Acceptance deadline

Questions:

- How many surveys do we have completed? 104
 - We need 314; 1 per child enrolled
- What is Bonnie's work schedule? Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- The parent survey is different from the lunch form that is normally filled out at the beginning of the year
- When does chess club start? May 5th for 1-5th graders and held on Monday afternoons

II. Parent Coordinator's Report – Ms. Elvira

- Included in the President's survey

III. President's Report – Odaliz/Tina

- Approval of March meeting minutes – motion to approve – 1st Jaime and 2nd Audrey - approved

- Upcoming Events
 - Cookie Fundraiser Winners – TIME TO CLAIM THE PRIZE
 - Jacob and Madison won lunch with Ms. Meena – April 25th
 - Nathaniel Cooper won Lunch with Agent Baccas – TBD once he returns from vacation.
 - Anthony Mateo won time in the game room with a friend – April 28th
 - Mother's Day Sip & Paint is scheduled for **May 2** (tentative)
 - More details to follow
 - After school event
 - Questions for Ms. Meena: will it be done in 2 sessions?
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciate week scheduled for **May 5 – 9**
 - PA accepting donations – personal care items, beauty products, etc.
 - Meet the Teacher Season 2
 - Featuring Mr. Dan, Mr. Scotty-D, Ms. Williams, etc.
 - Words of Gratitude for Teachers
 - Spring Sing scheduled for **May 30**
 - PA will be selling snacks, drinks, ice cream, etc.
 - Father's Day event scheduled for **June 2**
 - Details to follow
 - May General Meeting is Election month – **May 14**
 - All seats are up for grabs
 - If interested in a seat on the board, please email the PA with the position you are interested in so we can promote you for votes.
 - Our outgoing AmPark parent Ms. Barbara has agreed to facilitate the election
 - We also need 1 Parent member for our SLT (School Leadership Team)
 - VP of Parent Involvement position is open – Brandie has decided to step down
 - VOTE FOR JOE
 - Running for a seat on the Community Education Council
 - The voting begins April 25 through May 13 through your NYCSA account

IV. Parent Involvement – Brandie

- Report not available

V. Fundraising report – Rosemary/Jessica

- Square1 HAPPENED!! PA is picking up the kids' art this Friday!! The fundraiser helps school and it makes gift great.

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

- Congratulation for middle school Raffle winners were drawn by Ms. Meena during fun Friday:
 - Hotel Stay - Kristina Dunatov

- o Coach Bag - Juan Apaza
- o Signed Jets Poster - Christie Edwards
- o Signed Giants Poster - Kristina Dunatov
- o Michael Koors Bag - Sevastos
- Congratulations on middle school acceptances – letters came out today

VII. Treasurer's Report – Joe

Beginning Balance a/o 3/1/25 = \$16,340.54

Deposits in that time:

Credit Interest: \$1.31

Total: \$1.31

Reimbursement/Invoice Checks

Super Bowl Squares Winner: \$200.00

Super Bowl Squares Winner: \$150.00

5th Grade World's Finest Chocolate: \$2,309.95

Reimbursement Sing Festival of Lights: \$350.00

Reimbursement Sing Diwali Celebration: \$350.00

Reimbursement Sweethearts Dance: \$49.99

Total Checks: \$3,409.94

Ending Balance a/o 03/31/2025: \$12,931.73

Transaction after 4/1/2025

Reimbursement Sweethearts Dance: \$32.81

Current Balance a/o 3/12/2025: \$12,898.92

Checks awaiting withdrawal:

5th Grade Donation of \$2000.00

Scholastic 2024: \$1684.14

Scholastic Jan 2025: \$2037.69

Sing contribution: \$350

Total money to be expected to pay out: \$6071.83

Anticipated balance after funds paid: \$6827.09

Special Notice: Also, the donation for Teacher's Appreciation Week of \$1,500.00. Anticipated Sing contributions to be discussed and confirmed. Also, possible deep freezer to sell ice cream after school, cost currently being researched. Riser for the school, anticipated \$1855.99. To be further reviewed.

VIII. New Business

- Votes needed
 - o Josh has requested a 2nd Riser for the Spring Sing.

- Vote was approved for the estimated amount of \$800 - \$1000
- The actual figure is **\$1855.99** not including shipping and delivery – quote given to Josh
 - Anticipate \$2200 – motion to approve cost of purchasing risers – 16 votes for yes
 - o Updates on the deep freezer – do we want something with wheels. Design dictates the price. More research will be done and will be provided to the group
 - Water Fun collaboration event with RTS in June – more events to follow

IX. Adjournment – motion to adjourn – 7:01PM

Attendance:

You to [Everyone](#) 6:02 PM



Elora Ibarra - Gabby 2nd grade

Jaime Benjamin to [Everyone](#) 6:02 PM



Jaime Benjamin - Logan 5th Grade

Odaliz to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Odaliz Vasquez, Ethan Vasquez 3rd grade

Kara Tatelbaum to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Kara Tatelbaum- Phinn DeBlasio (no relation!) 3rd Grade

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Rosemary Gonzalez to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Rosemary Gonzalez- Joel and Valentina Garcia 3rd grade

Alixandra's iPhone to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Alixandra Pena - Nesta Lamourt (Kindergarten) & Chayton Lamourt (3rd Grade)

Teshaun to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Teshaun Shell - Gregory 3rd

Kara Tatelbaum to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



HAHA!

Kristina Dunatov to [Everyone](#) 6:03 PM



Kristina Dunatov - Roko (4th) &
Iskandar (Kinder) Khodadad

Nancy Bernardo to [Everyone](#) 6:04 PM



Nancy Bernardo Hailey 3 rd grade

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Renee PL to [Everyone](#) 6:04 PM



Renee Pena Lopez, Lena Lopez, 3rd
grade

Eastlyn Afriyie to [Everyone](#) 6:05 PM



Eastlyn Afriyie- Skyla Stephens 3rd
grade

Leola Brady-Price to Everyone 6:15 PM



Leola Brady-Price, Zora's mom (K-01)



Kinda Beckles-Wilkinson to Everyone 6:15 PM



Kinda Beckles-Wilkinson, Amar'e Wilkinson, 1st grade

megan to Everyone 6:16 PM



Megan Enriquez: Joseph dent + Isaac Dent

Kristina Dunatov to Everyone 6:16 PM



Thank you Elvira!

BRANDIE WILLIAMS-EL to Everyone 6:16 PM



BRANDIE WILLIAMS-EL , Aleeyah Williams-El, 3rd

Kristina Dunatov to Everyone 6:16 PM

Kirsten Cooper to Everyone 6:17 PM



Kirsten Cooper, Nathaniel 302



Meena Lildharrie to Everyone 6:17 PM

Jenny to Everyone 6:20 PM



Jenny Slomiany - Leona's mom k01

