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PTA Meeting Minutes - April 9th at 6pm via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Jabari Brown, Parent Coordinator, at 6:01pm.

1. PARENT COORDINATOR UPDATE

- Summer Rising application closed on 3/28. Results and waitlist will be available 4/24. Deadline to accept offers is 5/8
- Fill out the NYC School Survey. Last day to complete surveys is now 4/11
- NO SCHOOL 4/14 4/18 for Spring Recess. Return to school 4/21
- 5/16: 80's Spirit Day; 80s Day Celebration at 4pm
- We are proud to be a 2025 Respect for All school
- Other dates to remember: 4/25: Movie Night; 4/29-4/30: NYS ELA Exam; 5/1 Parent Teacher Conference; 5/6 Family Engagement

2. PTA REPORT

- The PTA Executive Board introduced themselves
- PTA meeting information and future PTA meeting dates were shared
- Parent volunteers are needed to form an executive board nominating committee. No one has volunteered.
- A parent led support group has been formed for all LGBTQ+ and ally families. Contact Sue Sena if interested at ssena1@nyc.rr.com
- Our students have been representing PS 234 at the District Wide Cheer Expo, District Science Expo, and the City Wide Spelling Bee

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Account Balance as of 4/9/24 is \$46,989.74
- Our current approved budget is \$57,000
- Current income: \$38,196.63
- Current expenses: \$22,888
- Upcoming expenses: \$5,500. Includes purchasing a grill for the school for outdoor events, breakdancing workshop at 80's Day celebrations, microphones for future performances, Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, and Moving Up/Graduation Ceremony costs
- Other "income": the in school Scholastic Book Fair raised over \$4,000 in Scholastic Dollars. Profits will be used to purchase items from the Scholastic Catalog for all classrooms in September.

4. FUNDRAISERS AND EVENTS

- The Talent Show was on 3/8/25 with 18 acts. You can check out the video online
- The Read a Thon ended on Friday, 3/21. Over 270,000 minutes were read school-wide. Total amount raised is \$9,362.06. Wonder provided lunch for the top class in the school and \$25 gift cards to the top 2 readers in each grade. The top class in each grade will get an ice cream party before the end of the year.
- PTA Assembly: Cartooning with Mike Dawson was on 3/25. His book "The Fifth Quarter" will be available at a discounted price of \$15 - the order form will go home soon
- "PS234's Got Talent" talent show was on 3/27. Thank you to all of our performers and everyone who came out to support them
- Brooklyn Cyclones Game Sunday 5/4 at 2:00pm
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week is 5/5-5/10. Each day our staff will be celebrated with a gift or treat. If you want to help or donate email us for more information
- Monthly Spirit Day snack sale is 5/16
- Other future events- 4/23: History of Baseball school assembly; 4/25: Movie Night; 6/13 Luau Day snack sale; 6/18: PS 234 Night at Kanga's
- Kanga's Fun Night Out is Thursday, 5/23 from 6-8pm. It is a PS 234Q only event. The cost is \$20 per child, no charge for adults. Sign up now to guarantee your spot.
- Opportunities to get involved include Monthly Snack Sales, Teacher Appreciation Week, and the PTA Exec Board Nominating Committee

5. PERFORM COUNCIL REPORT

 Representatives from the PERFORM Council gave an update on what they have been working on

6. CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

- The April Citizens of the Month were presented
- All citizens of the month can go to Paris Baguette for a free pastry and medium beverage.

Next meeting is Wednesday May 21th at 6pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes compiled by Tanya Torniali, Co-President