

P.S. 748: The Brooklyn School for Global Scholars
PTA Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2024 (10:00am EST)

- **Call to Order**
- **Attendance** *See Sign In Sheets*
- **Officer's Reports**
 - **President's Report (by Winsome Taik)**
 - **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve June 2024 Meeting minutes. Approved.
Motion to approve Sept 2024 Meeting minutes. Approved.
 - **Donation Envelopes**

Thank you to families that donated. We are still collecting donations. This allows us to continue to fund events for the students.
 - **Picture Day 10/9**

Picture Day was a success. Thank you to the volunteers. PTA will get a portion of the total earned. The photographers have not finalized their numbers yet, so we don't know how much we made yet. We will report it at the next meeting.
 - **Movie Night 10/25**

Movie night will be on 10/25 around 6:00pm/6:30pm. Time will depend on sunset as this is an outdoor event. We will feature *Encanto*, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. PTA will be selling snacks. We advise families to dress in weather appropriate clothing and bring blankets. Reservations will be required due to limited space. Details will be sent home.
 - **Fall Festival**

Fall festival will be hosted during school hours. This is a student only event. PTA will be providing pumpkins to all students.
 - **Treasurer's Report (by Marissa Fennell)**
 - **Account Balance**

Starting Balance:	\$22,302.23
Ending Balance:	\$22,115.37

- **Major Income**
PTA Envelopes \$2,525.00
- **Major Expenses**
Riso Printer \$1,323.00
Renew Movie License \$641.00
- ***See Treasurer's Financial Statement***
- **Principal's Report (by Ms. Annio)**
 - **Chancellor's "Meet the Moment" Initiative**
This initiative is introduced by the Mayor and Chancellor to train principals on the Discipline Code and how to navigate difficult conversations about things the students might see or hear (from their peers, at home, or on the news) and making sure our school continues to remain a safe and nurturing place for our students. Teachers train on integrating age-appropriate and DOE approved content to teach students to understand and accept differences within our peers and our community. There is zero tolerance for hate and disrespect.
 - **Comprehensive Education Plan**
Every year, the school has to create a Comprehensive Education plan. In addition to creating a safe environment, we want to maximize student achievement. Our school's goals include:
 1. Every student learns to read well.
 2. All students are physically and emotionally safe.
 3. All students have a high quality academic experience.
 4. All students graduate college and are career ready.
 5. All students with IEPs have goals that are outlined and in place so they don't fall in between the cracks.
 - **The Discipline Code**
The Discipline Code went home via Remind and email. This can be accessed through the Info Hub on the DOE website. We have a responsibility to uphold the Discipline Code and ensure that students are coming to school with the intention of working hard and being respectful to their peers, teachers, and staff members in the building. There is zero tolerance for certain behaviors.
 - **Respect for All ("RFA")**
RFA goes under the wing of the "Meet the Moment" Initiative and the Discipline Code - We want to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment for all of our students.

- **Family Nights**
 - PTA Family Movie Night: This is a good opportunity for families to come together in a social setting and meet other families.
 - We will be splitting up our Family Nights to Grades K-2 and Grade 3-5, to manage the size. Our first Family Night will be for K-2 Families. Flyers will go home tomorrow. We will host Family Night for Grades 3-5 in November.

- **FIAO Parade 10/12**
Families are invited to attend the parade and walk with the school to show support for the FIAO. They have graciously funded our afterschool for years. Dr. Pretto, our superintendent, will be the Grand Marshall at the parade. Notices will be sent home.

- **Title One Report (by Ms. Salerno)**
We had our annual Title One Meeting on 9/30 where to talked about forming the Parent Advisory Council (“PAC”). We sent out “Willing to Serve” forms and received a great response.

- **Questions and Answers**
 - Q: Does our school do Spirit Week?
A: (Ms, Annio) Yes, our school will start spirit week next month.

 - Q: Regarding “Meet the Moment,” what information will be given to parents and when will this be introduced to the students?
A: (Ms, Annio) This is less of a curriculum, but more of an initiative we incorporate into every day teaching.

 - Q: I have noticed a lot of Hispanic families that don’t speak English and cannot help their children with homework. What does the school have in place to help these parents and students?
A: (Ms. Annio) Students who have English as a new language (“ENL”) receive separate services in school. They get pulled out of class and get extra help from an ENL teacher. Our school gives minimal homework. Students should be able to complete the homework on their own. If the homework is too difficult, the teacher can give differentiated homework. Teachers also have a “Pocket Talk” that translates languages instantly. We will host a “Meet and Greet” with our school social worker on 10/16. Parents are encouraged to come and share their struggles and we can provide support.
(Ms. Salerno) P.S. 69 offers free adult education classes for parents who are interested in learning English. Information was sent through email last week.

Meeting Adjourned:

10:40 AM

Next Meeting:

November 7, 2024

Minutes by:

Donna Lee