

## General PTA Meeting (Online) – November 15, 2023

- Call to Order - 6:07pm
- President's Report (Shayna Phetsarath - Co-Vice President)
  - Reading of President Pamela Vasquez's Remarks
    - Thank you to all our volunteers for making our recent events so successful
    - Exciting New Developments
      - Debate Club for 3rd and 4th graders
      - Heart & Sole track club for Middle School
    - High School applications are due Dec. 1
    - This Friday is our last Middle School tour
  - Recaps of Recent Events
    - Family Portrait Day (Elizabeth Katz - Co-Vice President)
      - Fun, successful day
      - Just over \$8000 raised
      - Photos should be ready in the next week or so
      - You can use Minted for 20% off of holiday cards, gifts etc
        - Discount Code is: **FUNDRAISEPS84**
        - PTA gets a 50% kickback
    - Super Mario Penny Challenge (Jessica Moskowitz - Corresponding Secretary)
      - The challenge was really fun for the kids! Everyone got more and more competitive each day.
      - 2nd grade won the lower school challenge
      - 6th grade won the Middle School challenge
      - We raised \$4553
      - Hopefully we will do it again next year. Kids seemed really into it.
      - Ms Rodriguez will let each grade know what day they'll get free recess
    - Marathon Bake Sale (Shayna Phetsarath)
      - Our annual bake sale was on Marathon Sunday, Nov 4th
      - So many amazing goodies from families. Everything was donated or baked by our community
      - We raised over \$3000
  - This Friday is the final Middle School tour. Lower school tours start in December.
- Special Guest - North Brooklyn Open Streets
  - Were not able to attend the meeting
  - We thank them for volunteering at the Marathon Bake Sale

- Special Guest - Right at School (Nicholas Stanton - Area Manager for Brooklyn schools)
  - Some updates
    - New curriculum:
      - Right Club Gives Back
        - Community based. Kids wrote letters of gratitude to custodians. They will give them out at end of week
      - Upcycling
        - Families will send it bottle caps for a mural
    - Parent survey went out and got some great feedback. Will meet with senior leadership next week to go over everything. Had 91% of families give feedback
    - RAS staff can help with coin rolling and give assistance to the PTA if needed
- Principal's Report (Monique Hernandez - Assistant Principal)
  - Gratitude Week has been a huge success. Grades 1 and 2 were switched to Friday as our school was selected to be visited by superintendents from around the city
  - **11/27 @ 9:30am:** Early Childhood is hosting literacy workshops to focus on NYC Reads
- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
 

Previous Balance as of 10/16/23:	\$ 108,442.55
Income between 10/16/23 - 11/13/23:	\$10,271.50
Expenses between 10/16/23 - 11/13/23:	\$4,713.74
Current Balance as of 11/13/23:	\$114,000.31

  - 10k came in this month
  - Expenses included:
    - CoolCulture Pass
    - Various processing fees
  - Next month's expenses will include:
    - \$25k to NY Sunworks for our greenhouse
    - Robot kits for STEAM (Mr Leslie)
- Fund Raising - Jessica Moskowitz
  - Giving Week (**Nov. 27 - Dec 10**)
    - Giving Week is the only time the PTA asks for straight monetary donations
    - We have a lot of big things coming up to pay for. Giving Week is when we can really refresh our bank account
    - Our PTA pays for so many amazing things: the Greenhouse, robot kits, artist residencies, sheet music, digital cameras and so much more
    - Envelopes will go out soon and you can also give online
    - Find out if your company does corporate matching to double your impact
  - Donors Choose
    - That same week Donors Choose will be matching donations. We have 8 projects for the school that can be fulfilled

- Q&A
  - The final Middle School tour is full. Parent has a friend who wants to go. Can they get a spot?
    - Monique Hernandez: If it's just one person then please email her and she will get them a spot
  - How do you renew the Cool Culture card?
    - Dinayomi Fernandez: Reach out to the teacher. Second round will be coming up.
  - Where can I get more info about debate for 3rd & 4th?
    - Mr. Costa (School Librarian): First practice was this morning. Meeting only 5 more times so it may be too late to join now. Need people to commit to all dates
    - There's another one in the Spring. No date yet.
    - The actual Debate is at MS 50
    - You can contact him for more information: [mcosta13@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:mcosta13@schools.nyc.gov)
  - Is the debate open to the public?
    - Mr Costa: Not sure. Contact MS 50 for more information
    - In the past it was live streamed and parents couldn't even go
    - Media and politicians are often present and the winner gets their picture in paper etc
  
- Approval of Minutes from 10-18-23
  
- 6:39pm Meeting Adjourned





Date	Source	Income	Expense	Description
10/16/2023	Previous Balance	\$108,442.55		
<b>Income</b>				
	Direct Donations	\$150.00		recurring donations - visit <a href="http://www.ps84k.org">www.ps84k.org</a> to enroll!
	PS 84 Merch	\$3,109.20		Store84 Spirit Wear
	Family Portrait Day	\$900.00		Photo Session bookings
	Marathon Bake Sale	\$2,910.30		Bake Sale Proceeds
	Penny Harvest	\$4,543.82		Partially reflected in bank balance - help roll coins!
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$10,271.50</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>				
	CoolCulture		-\$3,200.00	CoolCulture Cards for 3k, Pre-k, & K families
	Scheimpflug		-\$325.00	Seamless Paper for FPD
	NextDayFlyers		-\$237.98	Giving Week Envelopes
	Staples		-\$198.54	Penny Challenge Flyers
	Staples		-\$52.01	Marathon Bake Sale Flyers & Posters
	Amazon		-\$195.86	Coin Counting Machine
	Amazon		-\$32.64	Berry Spooky Halloween Decor
	Westville		-\$264.56	Food for FPD photographers/volunteers
	Music Theatre International		-\$90.00	Additional Scripts for School Musical
	DropBox		-\$11.99	PTA File Storage
	Paypal Fees		-\$17.56	Processing Fees
	Venmo Fees		-\$38.18	Processing Fees
	Stripe Fees		-\$49.42	Processing Fees
11/13/2023	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-\$4,713.74</b>	
11/13/2023	<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$114,000.31</b>		

# TREASURER'S REPORT





**General PTA Meeting (In-Person) – October 18, 2023**

- Call to Order - 9:20am
- President's Report (Pamela Vazquez)
  - PS 84's PTA received the Eco Warriors Award at North Brooklyn Parks Alliance (NBK Parks) Annual Gala
  - PS 84 Movie Night was a great success!
  - Events
    - Family Portrait Day (Shayna Phetsarath - PTA VP), **Oct. 21**
      - Open to the public
      - There will be 4 parent volunteer photographers. Legit photographers not hobbyists
      - Our first big fundraiser of the year. All funds go back to school
      - We need volunteers. Add your name to the Sign Up Genius!
      - You can bring dogs, babies, grandmas etc to be in the photos!
    - Super Mario Penny Challenge (Pamela Vasquez), **Oct. 30 - Nov 3**
      - We had to move it the dates due to scheduling issues
      - Elementary school challenge will be on the turf before school everyday. The middle school challenge will be during school lunch outside of the cafeteria.
      - Jessica Moskowitz (Corresponding Secretary):
        - It's a coin challenge
          - There will be jars for each grade
          - Pennies and bills are positive points
          - Silver and dollar coins are negative
          - Kids can sabotage - don't give all your coins the first day
        - Need volunteers to stand at the coin drop off and people to count in the afternoons
      - Q&A
        - Can we have a bank count the coins?
          - No, they won't do it
        - How long is the challenge?
          - All week. Every day
      - Halloween Costume Parade, **Oct 31 @9am**
        - Kids that don't do Halloween will be inside doing an activity
        - Q&A
          - Can kids be a regular clown?
            - Yes. Just no scary clowns

- Not what they do. Albany places traffic cameras. How many we get etc
- Feedback from Jeff Allen: Bike lane going both ways has made it hard to walk. Less pedestrian friendly. They're talking about putting down borders to slow bikes

- Treasurer's Report & Budget Overview – Jessamyn Lee (Treasurer)
  - Previous Balance as of 9/24/23: \$ 103,862.87
  - Income between 9/25/23 - 10/16/23: \$7,521
  - Expenses between 9/25/23 - 10/16/23: \$2,941.32
  - Current Balance as of 10/16/23: \$114,325.19
    - Taxes were filed. Funded some instrument rentals
    - About to pay for the [Cool Culture](#) Passes
      - For 3K, Pre-K and K
      - Free entrance to most NYC museums

- Jeff Allen - Would like to start a Grant Writing Committee
  - Need to do research, work with teachers to find out what they need. Some are only open once a year
  - We can create a grant PTA email
  - Will ask for volunteers on the PTA newsletter and social

- PTA Board Elections
  - Kindergarten Representative
    - Nominees
      - Emma Tejada
        - Son in K-1
      - Zoe Dean
        - Daughter in K-4
    - Any other nominees?
      - No
    - Motions Made
    - Elected!
  - Any volunteers for co-Middle School Rep?
    - No

- Monique Hernandez (Assistant Principal)
  - Ms Hernandez supervises early childhood
  - Welcome Week is usually the same day going forward
    - Make sure to bring ID
  - Attendance is very important for all students
    - Even for the little ones. Please let us know if they need emotional support
  - Come out for the Halloween parade. Admin will have fun outfits
  - Parent Teacher Conferences, **Nov. 2**

- Marathon Bake Sale (Shayna Phetsarath), **Nov. 5**
  - On Marathon Sunday
  - We takeover the corner of S. 1st and Bedford
    - Big table with donated baked goods
    - Can drop off baked goods starting Friday, 11/3 or at the event
    - Make sure to wrap each item or pack of items individually
    - You can bring homemade or store bought loaves, cookies, dog treats
    - Can be sweet or savory
    - Will be hot chocolate and coffee also
    - Q&A
      - Is there a cap to how much we can bring?
        - No
  - To volunteer, check the [Sign Up Genius](#)
    - Even if you can't volunteer, come and cheer, make a sign etc
  - Tell us who is running so we can get their bib number so we can cheer them on! We know Ms Windle is running
- Attendance Meeting, **Nov. 8 @6pm**
  - Hosted by our Parent Coordinator, Dinayomi Fernandez

- Special Guest - North Brooklyn Open Streets
  - Hosting Berry Spooky Halloween, **Oct. 28, @10am-3**
    - Costume contest at 1pm with prizes
    - Tables
      - Streb will be doing a dance class
      - Skate Yogi
      - PS84 will have a table with a photo booth
    - Work has been happening on streets, waiting to hear on our street light. It's part of what DOT promised including the bike racks etc
    - Reach out to DOT to get more bike parking for kids near school
    - Q&A
      - What is the material on the corners of Berry St?
        - Epoxy gravel. So cars can hear the difference as they're not supposed to be on there
      - How long has Open Streets been around?
        - May 2020
      - How did you decide to have streets go in different ways?
        - It was the DOT. Berry is shared so it's so GPSes won't sent you straight down Berry
      - Will the speed limit be enforced?
        - They hope. Up to the Police Department. They are trying to use street design to limit speed
      - Can they work on getting license plates on electric scooters?

- Q&A
  - Dual Language may have more days available for conferences as they are bigger
  - Report cards come 2 weeks later (around 11/18)
    - They will be available in your NYCSEA account.
  - iReady assessment will be available to discuss
  - Do you automatically get the email that your child is not in school even if you report them absent?
    - Yes. Also if your child is out for a long time you will get a letter either way
  - For welcome week, do parents have to go to the lobby entrance? Parent didn't want to miss his child's presentation
    - Yes. We must know who has entered the building. Come and get your sticker early

- Approval of Minutes from 9-27-23
- 10:06am Meeting Adjourned