

**PS 165**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**Minutes February 26, 2020**  
**Auditorium 8:00am**

**Call to Order:** Nildania called to order at 8:30am.

**Welcome**

Welcome to the first PTA Meeting in Spanish!

Please fill out the PTA Survey at the back and give us your comments on what you would like to see the PTA do. In addition to the survey, we would like to know how to contact you, so please leave us your email address.

**Reading and Approval of Minutes:** Luca motioned to approve January minutes, Tara seconded. January 2020 General PTA minutes are approved.

**Principal's Report**

Test Prep after school program for grades 3-5 will begin today. We have received many permits from parents for their children to participate, but some do not indicate whether they can attend or not, parents must check the box.

NY State ELA Test dates: March 25-26

NY Math Test dates: April 21-22

Please make note of the dates. The teachers have notified parents about the dates.

We will also have a Workshop for the parents to give them information about the tests and what their children should review beforehand. The main thing is that children should be reading half an hour a day in the classroom, and half an hour at home. At least 45 minutes to an hour of reading a day is vital. Without reading, children will not be able to do well on the test. The test is untimed, so children can work to the end of the day. If your child is comfortable with reading, they will be able to complete the test in time.

RAZ Kids Account – the school and PTA pay for that so the kids can practice at home. If you don't have access, please talk to your child's teacher. The school also pays for iReady for those children who need extra help and they can continue using it until the end of the year. The school

is providing this tutoring to help. If parents want to see their child's progress in RAZ Kids, their teacher can give them a report; RAZ runs from pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

PS 165's Spelling Bee winners, Nora Cohen & Jayden Martinez, will represent our school at the District 3 Spelling Bee this Saturday, February 29, 2020. Anyone can attend.

Join us for STEM Night on Thursday, March 12. Everyone is invited, please come with your child. The children will have leadership posts to help run the evening. Outside organizations will come in to run stations. The night offers important exposure to the new career paths of tomorrow.

Smile Dentist mobile clinic will return in June for free checkups. Please see Ms. Brenes for more info.

Thank you to the parents for coming today. It is very important for the parents to connect with the school and support the teachers. There are multiple ways to communicate with the school and with the principal. Parents can make appointments with the teachers on Tuesdays at 2:30pm. There are multiple Spanish speakers in the main office, so everyone should feel welcome.

### **Announcements**

Movie Night on Friday, Feb 28 at 3:00pm, presenting Abominable. Commonsense Media recommends for ages 8 and up. Suggested donations of \$5 per family, but it is not mandatory. Snacks for sale after pickup.

Parent/Teacher conferences are next Thursday. Look out for announcements from your teacher.

### **School Leadership Team (SLT) Report**

Ms. Rosado – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers – Pilot Equity Program – classes will be mixed during specials time. This will help prepare them for middle school.

Reached our mid year tarets for our CEP goals

On track to meet and or surpass CEP goals for ELA and math by end of year

Test prep practice and strateigies has begin in grade s3-5 in ELA and Math

Teast prep begins today...

Be on the lookout for a parent workshop being offered in testing grades

All teachers will be receiving an allotted amount of money to purchase more books on diversity and integrate into their classroom

Literacy Night was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who came and assisted.

STEM Night is March 12

### **Committee Breakout**

Culture – Ann Marie

Communications – Rodney

Fundraising – Erika

STEAM (science, tech, engineering, arts, math) – Alice

Title 1 – Manda/Nicolelynn

Wellness - Tara

Parents, please connect with these committee leaders so you can learn more about the different things the PTA does and how you can get involved.

### **Treasury Report**

See spreadsheet.

Next PTA General Meeting is Wednesday, March 18.

**Adjournment** – 9:18am.