

THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (p277q)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
April 3, 2024 at 6:00 PM

1. **ATTENDEES** - 19 parents and school faculty attended the meeting, quorum has been met.
2. **WELCOME** - Ivery Taylor
3. **MEETING MINUTES** - Ivery Taylor
 - a. March 2024 general monthly meeting minutes was presented for approval by Ivery Taylor, President.
 - b. Ivery Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - c. Heather Sciacca second the motion.
 - d. The March 2024 minutes was approved.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Amanda Civello
 - a. March 2024 financial report minutes was presented for approval by Amanda Civello, Treasurer.
 - i. Current Balance on our checking account: \$4,924.73
 - ii. We raised \$2,750.00 from our Neurodiversity Tshirt Fundraiser.
 - b. Motion 1: by Amanda Civello, to spend \$1,302.00 to distribute to donors choose to cover 6 open Riverview projects.
 - i. 14 in Favor / 0 Opposed
 - ii. Motion Carries
5. **SLT MEETING REPORT** - Ivery Taylor
 - a. The last meeting was March 11, 2024.
 - i. School budget is closed for 2023/24
 - ii. 2024/25 budget will be opened July 4th
 - iii. Supplies are currently being ordered for Summer School (Chapter 683)
 - iv. Potential new site was discussed (more information to follow)
 - v. Parent members brought up that inclusion families don't always feel as involved in the school as they would hope. Moving forward:
 1. Rachel will get updated information from parents.
 2. Inclusion students will be highlighted in the Beale Bulletin
 3. Inclusion students will also get afterschool program information
 4. Suggestion was made to create an FAQ for new inclusion parents

and a mentor/mentee partnership for inclusion parents

- b. The next SLT meeting will be held on Monday, April 9th.

6. PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT - Rachel Beadle

- a. Neurodiversity Walk was rescheduled from the rain to Friday, April 5. Each site will do a walkabout around each respective site.
- b. On Tuesday April 9, 12pm. Will be discussing how to apply for OPWDD Services.
- c. School will be closed for Eid al-Fitr on Wednesday April 10
- d. There will be an information session with Coach Kevin McElroy on the Special Olympics on Thursday April 11, 9am to learn more about the opportunities with the Special Olympics.
- e. Spirit week will be between April 15-19, and notices will be going out on what each day we will be for spirit week.
- f. Student of the Month will be at Grover Cleveland High School on Thursday April 18.
- g. Dance Festival at 277Q@485 on Friday April 19.
- h. Spring Break will be between April 22-30. School will be closed.
- i. 277Q Town Hall Meeting will be on Thursday May 2, 11:30am.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Fundraising presented by Amanda Civello
 - i. There are 6 active campaigns from Donors Choose.
 - 1. The PTA Board will determine how the funds will be distributed based on their campaign deadlines.
 - ii. April Ollie was introduced.
 - 1. Letter for Spring Break Ollie will be backpacked.
 - 2. Jen Camacho shared a Tshirt company from Long Island that employs people on the Autism Spectrum.
- b. Social Media presented by Ivery Taylor
 - i. Instagram (which automatically cross-posts to FB)
 - 1. The workload has been divided by categories to not get overwhelmed.
 - a. School Events, Community Announcements/Outreach, Workshop Announcements, Words of Encouragement
 - 2. Please let us know if you would be interested in helping us stay on

top of this!

- ii. Facebook
 - 1. We are in the process of creating 4 groups for families to be a part of (these groups will be private)
 - a. -ICT Inclusion families
 - b. -Elementary families
 - c. -Middle School families
 - d. -High School families
 - 2. These groups will need moderators to stay clean. Again, let us know if you are interested in lending a hand.

- c. Special Olympics presented by Ivery Taylor
 - i. PTA website has been updated.
 - ii. School Day Meets
 - 1. Long Island Games on May 4th
 - a. Swim Meet @ Farmingdale
 - b. Track & Field Skills @Plainedge
 - 2. Metro Games on June 1st @ Queens HS of Teaching
 - a. Skills
 - b. Track & Field Skills Young Athletes
 - iii. We need volunteers to bring snacks, goodie bags, and drinks. Most of the events do provide meals.
 - iv. Fundraising Merch to raise funds for snacks and drinks. We are planning another tshirt fundraiser.
 - v. Motion: Ivery Taylor to begin tshirt fundraiser for Special Olympics.
 - 1. 9 in Favor / 0 Opposed
 - 2. Motion Carries
 - vi. Information Session with Coach McElroy, Athletic Director on April 11 (9am-10am) via zoom

- d. Events Committee presented by Ivery Taylor
 - i. Coffee with a Counselor for Elementary School is led by Ms. Ilana Winter and Ms. Jen Camacho. Monday, April 8 (215pm-245pm) via zoom.
 - ii. The School's Grant Writing Team was able to secure 50 tickets to the TDF Autism Friendly Performance of the Broadway musical Aladdin, and they asked us to distribute them to parents!
 - iii. The performance will be Sunday, May 5th, 2024 @ 11AM. There were over 100 entries, and we will be drawing for 25 sets of 2 tickets today.
 - iv. Amanda Civello spinned the wheel and the following were the winners.

1. Winner 1: Ezra (322)
2. Winner 2: Rikden (404)
3. Winner 3: Samik (290)
4. Winner 4: Daleyza (78)
5. Winner 5: Liam (777)
6. Winner 6: Lucas (311)
7. Winner 7: Angel (419)
8. Winner 8: Gina (311)
9. Winner 9: Courtney (311)
10. Winner 10: Ayden (777)
11. Winner 11: Jackson (315)
12. Winner 12: Jeremy (419)
13. Winner 13: Jaina (485)
14. Winner 14: Tayden (311)
15. Winner 15: Simone (76)
16. Winner 16: Fariha(777)
17. Winner 17: Juan (404)
18. Winner 18: Allegra (419)
19. Winner 19: Arnima (76)
20. Winner 20: Kelsang (485)
21. Winner 21: Samuel (290)
22. Winner 22: Josiah (419)
23. Winner 23: Zuriel (78)
24. Winner 24: Byron (322)
25. Winner 25: Logan (290)

8. GUEST SPEAKER

- a. Box Tops Fundraiser Presentation presented by Jen Camacho
 - i. Download the box tops app and search “75Q277 The Riverview School”
 - ii. Scan your receipt.
 - iii. Spread the word to friends and family.
 - iv. This Year’s goal is \$1000.00 to fund classroom materials, field trips and special event programming.
 - v. Contact jcamacho10@schools.nyc.gov for more information.
 - vi. QR code and information on Box Tops will be added on website.
 - vii. Will request school media dept to create a video to explain.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presented by Amanda Civello
 - i. A hearing was held on April 2nd for community members and parents to have an opportunity to discuss their views on the new 277 site addition proposal. Q245 is located at 378 Seneca Avenue, Queens, NY 11385, in Community School District 24
 - ii. Thursday, April 11 , a Public Meeting of the Panel for Educational Policy will take place at 6:00PM. The meeting will be in person and live-streamed. <https://learndoe.org/pep/apr11/>
 - iii. The Panel will vote on the list of school utilization proposals, including P277Q@Q245
- b. Presented by Ivery Taylor
 - i. PTA Elections will be held on May 1. All positions are open for elections which includes, President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.
 - ii. SLT openings will be confirmed.

10. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Parent asked if there will be any more fundraisers.
 - i. Spring Break Ollie project was explained.
- b. Encouraged parents to bring ideas.

11. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. Ivery Taylor called for a motion to adjourn.
- b. Rebecca Moran second the motion.
- c. Meeting was adjourned

Spanish Translation Rachel Beadle

The meeting was virtual, conducted and recorded via ZOOM.