

THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (p277q)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
September 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

1. **ATTENDEES** - 30 parents and school faculty attended the meeting, quorum has been met

2. **WELCOME** - Ivery Taylor
 - a. Introduction of 2024-2025 Executive Board was introduced.
 - b. Explanation of how a PTA meeting is held.
 - c. Explanation of motions and how voting is done.

3. **MEETING MINUTES** - Rebecca Moran
 - a. June meeting minutes was shared with the PTA prior to meeting on the PTA website.
 - b. Rebecca Moran made a motion to approve the minutes.
 - c. Ivery Taylor second the motion.
 - d. The June 2024 minutes was approved.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Amanda Civello
 - a. Currently as of Sept 17, 2024, our balance is \$2,087.03
 - b. For Teacher Orientation, \$317.06 was spent on cookies.
 - c. A letter requisition membership dues will be backpacked home.
 - d. Ivery Taylor made a motion to approve the financial report.
 - e. Dayana Espina second the motion.
 - f. The June 2024 financial report was approved.

5. **SLT MEETING REPORT** - Ivery Taylor
 - a. School Budget for classroom supplies has changed to \$1000 per class
 - b. Site 245 had a great first week
 - c. Riverview is starting a podcast where students will learn to operate the broadcasting/filming equipment.
 - d. Riverview Review will be streamed like a new broadcast
 - e. Future Chicken Coup to come to 485
 - f. The After School Program will cover Arts, Academics, Athletics with 2 Educators for each subject. Locations are not decided at this time. Enrichment Programs will continue, sites will be announced soon.
 - g. Riverview will be receiving a citation at the Climate Expo for our Hydroponics Lab

September 28th. 6 Families have been invited from 485 & 404

- h. Biking Program will return
- i. Swimming Program will return to 290
- j. Rowing Program for 311 & 419, 12 children are to be selected
- k. Tennis and Swimming will return for Elementary & Middle School

6. PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT

- a. Rachel introduces herself and explains how she can help families.
- b. Meet and Greets will be this week at all 11 sites.
- c. Parent Workshops
 - i. September 23rd: Intro to Special Education, this workshop will have both Spanish and Mandarin translations.
 - ii. September 24th: Legal and Financial Planning by an attorney and financial planner for families with special needs children. Guardianship will be discussed as well.
- d. We have Fam Fest, our back to school event on September 28th.
- e. Schools are closed on October 3 and 4 for Rosh Hashanah.
- f. Riverview Weekly comes out Friday afternoons
- g. If can't reach your unit coordinators they might be unavailable , call main office at 718-361-3567
- h. Unit coordinators is contact for busing, NYCSA codes, RSP's

7. COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Parent Site Leader - Rebecca Moran
 - i. Explained what a Parent Site Leader is.
 - ii. Currently seeking for volunteers for each site
- b. Events - Ivery Taylor
 - i. Coffee with a Counselor was created so parents could voice concerns on their children's behaviors, and get advice on how to approach. This will be continuing beginning this October monthly. Notices will be sent out and also be on the PTA calendar.
 - 1. Elementary Sites
 - a. Site 290 & 245 : Ms. Ilana Winter (Tues, 10/8, 2-3PM)
 - b. Site 777 : Ms. Jennifer Camacho (Wed, 10/9, 2-3PM)
 - c. Site 76 & 78 : Ms. Jasmine Jones (Wed, 10/9, 2-3PM)
 - d. Site 315 : Ms. Angie Hiotis (Wed, 10/9, 2-3PM)
 - 2. Middle School Sites
 - a. Site 315 : Ms. Angie Hiotis (Wed, 10/9, 2-3PM)

b. Site 419 : Ms. Hadassa Engelsohn (Thurs, 10/10, 2-3PM)

3. High School Sites

a. Site 258 : Ms. Manuela Guimaraes (Wed, 10/9,
830-930AM)

- ii. Spooky Sensory Tent
- iii. Movie Night
- iv. Founder's Gala
- v. Carnival
- vi. International Food Market / Cookbook Signing

c. Fundraisers-Amanda Civello

- i. School Fundraiser Box Tops: We're a "box top" school! Download the Box Tops For Education app and search "75Q277 The Riverview School" to earn cash for our school!
- ii. The Ollie Project(s) - to support Teacher Appreciation Week. Tied into spirit weeks, Ollies go home for the kids to color and bring back to school, and the site with the best school spirit wins the coveted Ollie Championship Belt, which they hold on to until the next spirit week!
- iii. Special Olympics T-Shirts - to support the Special Olympics Committee. We will continue to sell shirts so that our kids' family members can show their support at Special Olympics events.
- iv. Holiday Season Fundraiser & Candy Catalog Sales to support our Carnival. Typical fundraisers like you've seen with other groups - buy stuff from a catalog.
- v. Winter Wonderland Cafe & Sweetheart Dance Chocolate Bar to support our Carnival. Last year we had a hot beverage bar at the Winter Wonderland Dance, and we would like to do that again, as well as having a chocolate fountain with assorted things to dip at the Sweetheart Dance!
- vi. Project CB -Rebecca Moran: Project CB is not just a fundraiser, but bringing our community together. We will begin sending notices to collect recipes and stories from you all in October. The deadline to collect all recipes and stories will be December 27th, 2024 We will also have our 1st Zoom meeting, sharing each other's stories on our children's food journey. Orders will be collected and delivered by May. We will end this project with a book/signing from all the recipe authors with an International Food Tasting event.

- d. Social Media & Digital Team-Rebecca Moran
 - i. Our Website: www.theriverviewpta.com
 - ii. Instagram: @277qriverviewpta
 - iii. Facebook Page
 - 1. Inclusion Parent Support Group
 - a. www.facebook.com/groups/277qinclusion
 - 2. Elementary School Support Group
 - a. www.facebook.com/groups/277qelementaryschool
 - 3. Middle School Support Group
 - a. www.facebook.com/groups/277qmiddleschool
 - 4. High School School Support Group
 - a. www.facebook.com/groups/277qhighschool
 - iv. How can I help?
 - 1. Join one of the support groups. Network with another. Support and encourage one another. Let's build a community. We also need photographers. If anyone would like to take photos for us, please let us know at hello@theriverviewpta.org
- e. Welcoming-Amanda Civello
 - i. Transitioning is hard. Not just for our kids, sometimes for us, too. We want to put together both materials and a network of grown-ups, so that we can help each other cross all of the thresholds at the Riverview PTA. New grown-ups whose kids have transferred to our school, regardless of their kid's grade, New to Kindergarten; New to Middle School; and New to High School. On top of the inherent differences as our children graduate to a new level, even though we're all one school, each site has its own personality, and we would love to establish some sort of mentoring system for those of you who may establish relationships with your child's team, only to feel like you have to start from scratch when your child switches sites.
- f. Special Olympics
 - i. NYC Schools & Special Olympics New York (2024-2025 School Year Event)
 - 1. Soccer (September - October)
 - 2. Bocce (October)
 - 3. Floorball (November - February)
 - 4. Bowling (December -January)
 - 5. Basketball (March - April)
 - 6. Volleyball (April)
 - 7. Swimming (April - May)

8. Track & Field (May & June)
 - ii. Save the Date
 1. Peter Aquilone Winter Classic
 - a. December 7, 2024 at the Javits Center
 - b. Floorball
 - c. Includes Developmental, Skills and Traditional Team
 - d. Registration is due Friday, November 15th
 2. Metro Games
 - a. May 31, 2025, Location TBD
 - b. Track & Field
 - c. Includes Developmental, Skills
 3. Long Island Spring Games
 - a. May 2025, Location TBD
 - b. Track & Field
 - c. Skills
 - iii. Fill out an application and submit to your site Phys Ed Coaches or email to the Athletic Director, Kevin McElroy KMcelroy2@schools.nyc.gov You do need a separate Medical form filled out by your child's doctor. Forms can be downloaded from our PTA website.
 - iv. We also do fundraisers specifically for the Special Olympics, extra meals, snacks, and lunch for our athletes, coaches and assistant coaches.
 - v. Be a Sports Assistant for the team. Our teams always need extra help. If you are interested, please email us at hello@theriverviewpta.org or reach out to Rebecca Moran.

8. GUEST SPEAKER

- a. Principal Ms. Annette Beale welcomed all parents.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elections Notice. 1 seat is vacant and elections will be held on October 8, 2024.
- b. Bylaws were updated every three years in accordance to the Chancellor's regulations and need to be voted on at the next PTA meeting. We have added specifically 2 more seats on the PTA Board.
- c. Mets Game Raffle
 - i. Gabriella C from 419
 - ii. Josiah M from 419
 - iii. Carol Q from 245
 - iv. Ayden P from 311

- v. Juan A from 404
- vi. Noah B from 290
- vii. Mariah S from 76
- viii. Zuriel R from 78
- ix. Oliver M from 290
- x. Oliver Q from 245
- xi. Joseph D from 404
- xii. Giauni R from 76
- xiii. Oliver A from 322
- xiv. Simone S from 76
- xv. Angel G from 419
- xvi. Jeremy M from 419
- xvii. Mason M from 78
- xviii. Hillary M from 322

- d. Another raffle will be announced at the next PTA meeting, for The Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall, an Autism Friendly Performance. 50 pairs will be chosen.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. Rebecca Moran made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Ivery Taylor second the motion.
- c. Meeting adjourned

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

Spanish Translation Rachel Beadle

The meeting was virtual, conducted and recorded via ZOOM.