

PTO Agenda for April 6th, 2015
6:30 pm in Manhattan Library



Welcome: Michele Marshall

Principal's Report: John Riggs

Teachers' Report: Libby Black, Stephanie Spencer, Meghan McCracken and Joanne Corson

Treasurer's Report: Erica Johnson

Manhattan Palooza: Meena Keuer

Trip Tracker Options for Next Year: See below

Committee Reports—committee chairs reports.

Other Comments or Questions –open time for anyone

Upcoming Events:

April 13th – Community Fundraiser at BJ's for NYC field trip starting at 5pm

April 15th – 6th Grade Play

April 20th -24th –NYC field trip

April 22nd – Bike to School Day

April 28th – Manhattan Palooza 6:30pm

April 29th – 360 Spring Training

May 6th & 7th - Theatre Class Spring Show

May 15th – 8th grade Bowling field trip

May 18th – Ice Cream Social for incoming 6th graders

Next scheduled PTO meeting: Retreat in May, date and time to be determined. At this time, elections will be held for next years PTO. Encourage your friends to come and get involved!

TRIP TRACKER INFORMATION:

Manhattan is one of the very first Trip Tracker sites and I hope the school is able to continue in the program next year. We have about 90 students actively participating each month. That's a little down from last year but the good news is that the program fee for next year is based on this year.

Trip Tracker is making some changes for next year to make it more manageable, more effective and more sustainable. The model is moving to something resembling a franchise and will apply to all participating schools. The following details the structure of next year's program.

1. A parent team will be responsible for the program at the school. Responsibilities will include setting up an internal communication system to replace the survey reminder emails that use to come from the Trip Tracker program, program promotion, and dollar distribution. We would also like the team to begin doing annual car counts twice per year to track program effectiveness. We are willing to assist with the recruitment of the parent team from participating families.

2. Participating schools (normally the PTO) will pay an annual program fee equal to 10% of the total dollars projected to be awarded there for the coming year (based on current participation levels). We project Manhattan student awards to total \$6745 this year (based on having awarded \$4216 in the first five months). Therefore, the annual fee would be **\$675** if Manhattan chooses to remain in the program

3. Trip Tracker will continue all of its usual functionality in terms of

- an initial program registration invitation to all families,
- a monthly email announcing that it's time to report trips,
- processing of trip data and packaging of awards,
- transportation and pickup of awards and materials to the school,
- trouble-shooting individual award problems,
- recruitment and maintenance of participating businesses, and
- fundraising to reimburse businesses for the dollars accepted.

I am happy to meet with you and/or the PTO if you think that would be helpful in coming to a decision. I have more data from Manhattan participants that I could share with all of you. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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