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# Meeting minutes

January 11 2023 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

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### **In Attendance**

Attendees: 78 people including below

PTA Executive Board: K. Craig, E. Allen, M. Pinto, R. Gunness, A. Shum  
SLT: K. Craig, R. Gunness, J. Walsh, A. Galan, J. DiRoma, H. Aleysain  
School Admin: L. Pavone, D. Rombone, E. Montalvo

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by K. Craig.

### **Approval of December 2022 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting were approved.

### **Introduction of PTA Board**

K. Craig, E. Allen, M. Pinto, R. Gunness, A. Shum.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented.

### **Upcoming Events**

Readathon - January 30th - February 13  
Valentine's Bake Sale - February  
Parents Night Out - March  
International Potluck - April

### **Important Dates**

January 16 - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School.  
February 20 - 24 - Midwinter Recess - No School.

### **Ways to Contribute**

There are many ways to support PS/IS 78Q while you shop, including: Amazon Smile, Minted, FlipGive, and Book Culture.

Please ask employers about donation matching, Alex Shum can assist with any questions.

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### **Parent of the month**

Zdenka Joskova was presented as Parent of the Month for January in recognition of her commitment to volunteering at school events regularly, including at Winter Wonderland in December, joining many of the school garden events, and donating items for events. Zdenka's commitment to helping is so appreciated, thank you for all you do for the school community.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Pavone thanked the school administration, teachers, parents, PTA, SLT and the students. He congratulated the students who were voted onto the Student Council and said how much he has enjoyed their meetings so far. He is happy that the Student Council are initiating food drives and toy drives, giving back to the wider community. Principal Pavone congratulated the Students of the Month, being recognized for the attribute of kindness.

### **SLT**

A. Galan spoke about the Office of District Planning (ODP) that presented to SLT at the January meeting. SLT strongly noted that there is a capacity crisis in Hunters Point and Court Square and not enough seats/schools to serve children at the rate high rises are erecting and still planning and sited to be built. ODP suggests a DIA kindergarten classroom at P.S. 384 for the '23-24 school year. P.S. 78 remains an over-utilized school. The SLT also discussed crossing guards, they are working with the precinct to increase support for crossing wardens.

### **Questions and comments**

No questions or comments.

### **Student of the Month Presentation**

Students of the month were presented for their achievements in the value of KINDNESS.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned by K. Craig at 7.16 p.m.