
P.S./I.S. 78Q PTA

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Meeting minutes

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

In Attendance

Attendees: 105 people including below

PTA Executive Board: K. Craig, E. Allen, R. Gunness, A. Shum, K. Kitsis

SLT: K. Craig, R. Gunness, H. Aleysain

School Leadership: L. Pavone, D. Rombone, J. DiRoma, E. Montalvo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by K. Craig.

Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 2023 meeting were approved.

Introduction of PTA Board

K. Craig, R. Gunness, E. Allen, K. Kitsis, A. Shum

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented. See presentation for more details.

Upcoming PTA Events

Gardening Event- October 13

Fall Gala- October 18

"Table or Treat" Halloween Party - October 30

Picture Day- November 9

Turkey Trot- TBD

PS/IS 78Q School Garden Event

Please join us in the middle school garden on Friday October 13th at 2:30pm to clean up the garden and plant fall vegetables. All ages welcome, children must be supervised by an adult.

Fall Gala & Silent Auction

The 2023 Fall Gala and Silent Auction will take place Wednesday October 18th from 6-9pm at American Brass Restaurant. Tickets are still available to be purchased online or at the door. Tickets are also available to sponsor a Teacher. Visit Website for a preview of silent auction items.

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Hocus Pocus in LIC

Please join us Saturday October 14th (Rain date October 28th) for a showing of Hocus Pocus on the oval at sundown. Activities starting at 4pm. Event is sponsored by Hunters Point Parks Conservancy in partnership with PS/IS78Q PTA.

Table or Treat

Our first annual "Table or Treat" Halloween celebration with activities for children. Event will be held at the Plaxall Galleries on October 30th from 4:30-6:30pm. Sign ups are live to sponsor a table or volunteer to hand out candy or set up an activity.

Picture Day

School picture day is Thursday November 9th.

Turkey Trot

Join us for our annual Turkey Trot. Volunteers will be needed. More information to follow.

Important Dates

Tuesday November 7th- Election Day, schools closed

Thursday and Friday November 23rd & 24th- Thanksgiving, schools closed

Ways to Contribute

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

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

SLT Report

Two new SLT teacher members were introduced, Ms. de los Rios, (ELL teacher), and Ms. Davis, (Special Education teacher for the middle school). The CEP will be discussed at the next SLT meeting. Halloween events will take place in October, including a Hocus Pocus festival and movie event at the Hunter's Point Oval on October 14 (now delayed to October 28), and a Table-or-Treat event on October 30 at Plaxall. State Assessments – the review and verification period has closed and statewide quality checks have been completed for 2022-23. Assessment reports are now being updated based on final data. Field trips will take place this year and are currently being planned by grade teachers.

Principals Report

Principal Pavone congratulated the Students of the Month. He thanked the parents, teachers, staff and TPA. Students in 5th Grade recently went fishing and studied the species and environment in the East River. School trips are being planned, class

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teachers will contact families with details. 8th Grade meeting with UN Political affairs Officer to support ELA curriculum. P.S./I.S. 78Q performed very well in state tests with students performing at or above grade level at a much higher rate than state average. Congratulations to all the students and parents on their hard work and achievements.

Online Spirit Store

P.S./I.S. 78Q virtual merchandise storefront is live. P.S./I.S. 78Q PTA will receive 15% of all profits from purchases. All items are shipped directly to your home.

Questions and comments

1. Art - which grades have art - all grades have art, either with a teacher or studio in a school program.
2. Team Sports - there will be a soccer team and possibly also a basketball team.
3. Mandarin - 3rd grade will receive a mandarin program.
4. Migrant children and their families - the school is doing everything possible to support and welcome new children.

Student of the Month Presentation - Effort

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned by K. Craig at 7:55 p.m.

SLT Election

Alexios Mantzarlis and Tamara Czirijak were elected to the SLT.