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# **MEETING MINUTES**

January 13, 2021 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

### In Attendance

Attendees: 42 people including below

PTA Exec Board: K. Craig, F. Bruno, C. Mendoza, E. Allen, A. Nair, A. Ziffer and A. Shum

SLT: A. Galan

School admin: L. Pavone, D. Rombone, J. Drinankle

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

Held on zoom on Wednesday, January 13th

Floor opened: 18:30 EST

Call to order by K. Craig: 18:31 EST

December meeting minutes - approved

### Principal's Update

New Hire

Bilingual parent coordinator, Elizabeth Montalvo is introduced

Email address: emontavlo7@schools.nyc.gov

Back to school

Students from grades Pre-K to 5 will still attend on the A/B schedule as 60% of students have opted in for blended learning

"Remind" alert system is the primary notification system for school closures

Chinese program approved for 3rd and 4th graders; classes will begin week of 1/18

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Covid testing

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Weekly testing is done based on 20% of attendance from the previous week

Some teachers have signed up for vaccinations

Anyone entering the building must submit consent for testing either by hardcopy of NYDCOE website

Kindergarten, Middle School applications

Kindergarten applications are due 1/19.

Middle school applications will open 1/14. MS seats are mainly for incoming 5th graders.

District and geographic priorities is being eliminated

Specialized High School tests

Deadline for application is 1/15

Test will be administered on 1/27 at the school.

High School applications will open up on 1/18

Arts H.S. will hold an online audition for applicants

### SLT

NYC Kids Rise attended the meeting. Discussions were around how to raise awareness and donations for 529 plans for D30 students

Parent Workshops - ongoing discussions on providing workshop for parents on how to provide support to students with remote learning

**CEP Goals** 

Chinese program for 3rd and 4th graders was reviewed and approved

### Treasurers' Report

Treasurers' report reviewed. Please refer to slides 6 and 7 for details.

Current expenses include PTA website revamp

PTA agreed to fund half the cost for Chinese program

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### Additional Topics

January fundraiser

School hoodies will be available for purchase until 1/26

February PTA event and fundraiser

Virtual painting for adults

Valentine's day cookie decorating

Proposed fundraiser

Read-a-thon

School yearbook

Currently in discussion, may be in electronic format. Details are forthcoming.

School pictures

Currently in discussion for possible pictures to be taken outdoors in April

Future dates

School closures - refer to slide 10

Next PTA meeting will be held on February 10th

Questions sessions closed at 19:27 EST

Meeting adjourned at 19:27 EST

Next PTA meeting to be held on Zoom on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021