

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

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PTA Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2017

Chaired by: Genevieve Bernier

Call to order – 7:00pm

January meeting minutes approved.

Jennifer Malinowski is not able to attend the meeting tonight.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. Thank you to our teachers whom are here. Thank you to Ms. McKenna, our new Parent Coordinator. Thank you to Miss Morgan, our guidance counselor. Thank you to our PTA Executive Board. Special thank you to Ms. Rombone.

Dates to remember:

Feb. 17 afternoon is beginning of Mid-Winter recess. Children return on Feb. 27.

March 13th – 1st grade field trip

March 15th – 4th grade field trip

March 28, 29 and 30 – NYS ELA Standardized Testing

We have lots to celebrate

Had our first robotics competition. Although they didn't make it to the next round, we hope they do so next year.

Our 7th graders went to the UN for Junior Ambassadors.

Newspaper club began this week with Miss Morgan.

We will start offering Spanish classes on Fridays after school.

We hired another school aide.

This week we are celebrating school spirit – Monday was team spirit, Tues was crazy sock day, today was mismatched clothing, Thursday will be career day and Friday is favorite book character day which has always been a fun day.

We are accomplishing lots together and I want to thank you all for your support.

Wishing you all a safe mid-winter recess. Enjoy with your family and friends.

SLT REPORT:

Gen:

No new updates. Couple things that came out of meeting are the Spanish teacher position. It's still not filled. Will be filled by September. Looking to getting a substitute teacher for the rest of this year.

We are interested in having some kind of language instruction for younger grades as well.

Lastly, there's a DOE survey coming out. Only 25% filled it out and gave it back last year. Please fill out and send.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

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We netted over \$5,800 at our last fundraiser – Fam Jam

We have raised \$61,000 total

Thank you to all that have donated time as well

Biggest expense is Studio in a School

Spring Auction is our biggest fundraiser of the year. This will take place on Monday, May 8th.

PARENT COORDINATOR INTRODUCTION:

Gen introduced Claudia:

“She was PTA President at PS 122 for 10 years. We are so lucky to have her and she’ll be so useful.”

Claudia:

“I’m an Italian Canadian, I have 12th grader and a 7th grader. I was missing the connection with parents and that’s why I came here. My role is to be a point of contact with the parents. I can help address any concerns you have on both sides. I’m learning more and more about the background of the school. I want to maintain a very welcoming environment but of course there’s always room for improvement. This is my 3rd week. I want to be able to reach out to the Spanish speaking community. I reached out to 20 families this week. Lots of them say they want to come but they feel a disconnect. I speak 5 languages and hope to be able to help any families that may need it. You have to look at everything – school as a whole. Past few weeks I’ve met with parents, teachers, PTA. All the lost and found outside, I want to thank Myriam and Bea for helping me sort all of it. We’re waiting for volunteers to sign up for LL. We can’t schedule a training session until volunteers commit. I’m also now trying to match parents with children and names to faces.”

STUDIO IN A SCHOOL

Arts in Residency program

For grades 2-5 (no 1st grade this year)

10 weeks total

Possible after school program for 1st grade

Any questions?

Question: Done deal that 1st graders won’t get it?

Gen: Yes, only for 2-5 as 1st grade has an Art teacher

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – SCHOOLKIDZ SUPPLY BOXES:

Supply boxes created based on school’s lists per grade

Sample quote from 3rd grade list is \$35

Optional program

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Anastasia:

Comes with children's names in labels inside and also envelopes if you want to send cash to school.

SPRING GALA / AUCTION

Monday, May 8th at Maiella

Gen:

Please contact me if you can't make the meeting tonight. We will send out the link for any sponsors.

We are working with a company that can give us items for consignment to auction off. We need help setting up as well. We welcome anything that can be donated – art work, tickets to shows, etc. We are off to a great start and looking forward to auctioning some great items / baskets.

SPRING FUNDRAISERS:

Yankees game fundraiser – April 30

\$48 tickets

All seats are together in section 308

Please always give whatever you can give. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

LEARNING LEADERS TRAINING UPDATE

We need at least 5 people signed up for the March training in their office downtown

We have maybe 2-3 people so far

Please sign up if you can

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

For the month of January – Honoring the value of Courage

Following students demonstrated amazing kindness to peers and teachers!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm

Recording Secretary – Lilly Rojas

Approved by:

PS/IS78Q PTA Co-President

Date