

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

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PTA Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2017

Chaired by: Genevieve Bernier

Call to order – 7:04pm

February meeting minutes approved.

Bree and Jaclyn are not able to attend the meeting tonight.

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS:

Updates given by Claudia Lieto Mc-Kenna

MOMA field trip for 4th grade today

Studio in a School started for grades 2nd-5th

No writing celebration this month

Upcoming dates:

3-8th grades – ELA testing March 28-30

Make up dates are April 3-5

Math testing is May 2-4

Make up dates are May 5-10

Email distribution list – if you haven't done so you can do so directly on website

Green envelope – school survey given out during parent teacher conferences. You have till

March 31st to give back

Learning Leaders – we have 19 new ones -4 lovely parents started this week

Another 6 were never approved because references were never sent back

LL closed down today (3/15) and for parents that never sent the references on time, we don't think those background checks will come back.

We will work with parent volunteers moving forward, we have plenty right now but it is something we will have a conversation about in the future.

Thank you so much!

Gen: thank you so much Claudia. We really appreciate all she does for us.

SLT REPORT:

Lakshmi is speaking

Report for our meeting last Friday. We approved minutes and we signed a Comprehension Independent Plan. It's a yearly document that we just signed. Biggest thing we did was updating some of the by-laws. A couple of conversations we had were recess and middle school. A couple of parents have really great ideas regarding middle school programs. We thought it would be a great idea to have PTA sub-committees for these.

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Gen: They are informal sub-committees and two members will be collecting information from parents and all the information will come back to the PTA. Once we have all that then we will move forward with choosing and working on these. LL will be essential to KO working as well.

Lakshmi:

I'm hoping we can get a lot of support from many more parents. I would like to spend a couple of minutes clearing up what we need. Recess more people understand than not. We have raised a significant amount of money. We began Kids Orbit and it's going great. We need ways we can communicate with KO. We need support. Middle school is a couple of years old and can I ask a parent to please share any ideas with us. Please spread the word and get more people involved.

Tomoko:

I'm a 7th grade parent, and I don't know what 8th grade parents need. I would like to know what we need.

Gen:

We need to form a nominating committee to oversee PTA executive board elections. Three to five parents would be ideal. Anybody who wants to run for the PTA Executive Board, can't be part of the committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jennifer:

We've raised about \$1,800 since our last PTA meeting. General family donations and some still for recess.

All together we've raised \$62,800

Spring Auction is on May 8th

Please always give whatever you can. We really do appreciate it.

Gen:

We'll keep you posted if we want to keep doing KO next year. Mr. Pavone has hired another school aide so that's 3 total now.

GARDEN TO CAFÉ PRESENTATION:

Eric Malinowski

Almost spring

March 28 – garden to school café

Tentative menu – winter squash, carrots with garlic and herbs

Fresh apples and possibly radishes

If you have any questions, you can contact George Edwards.

Gedwards4@schools.nyc.gov

Growthtolearn.org

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School will send home a notice

Gen:

We have two gardens. Walter Ditman handles them. He used to be a PS78 teacher.

STUDIO IN A SCHOOL

Grades 2-5

The reason why K and 1st aren't getting this program is because they have Art every week

CASA MET ART PROGRAM

Funded program for middle schoolers

Fridays 2:30-4:30

Total of 3 trips to the museum

Guided by teaching artists from the Museum

Program supported by NYC Council Majority Leader, James Van Bramer and the NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs

SCHOOL KIDZ

Supply boxes created based on school's supply list

LEARNING LEADERS TRAINING UPDATE

Gen:

Unfortunately it was shut down. If you have any questions about the program, please email Claudia or me.

Community News page – Claudia has been working and revamping it
Please check it out.

Esther:

Just making sure, school newspaper is a different thing right?

Gen:

Yes it is, newspaper club is for middle schoolers only

NY YANKEES GAME FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 30th

SPRING GALA & SILENT AUCTION

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Monday, May 8th at Maiella

6:00-10:00pm

We need to sell 150 tickets

Dinner, open bar, live music

\$95 tickets

Few great parents (Taloma and Sarah) put together this Sponsorship Packet we have to send to businesses.

SNIP, SIP AND SHOP

Monday, April 3rd (tentative date)

Gansevoort Street, NYC

Nesh NYC -

Orlo Salon – Joe Martino offering haircuts from 10:00am-5:00pm

\$300 haircut

LuLaRoe – kids and women’s leggings and dresses for sale at Nesh

STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

For the month of January – Honoring the value of Leadership

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Recording Secretary – Lilly Rojas

Approved by:

PS/IS78Q PTA Co-President

Date