

**P.T.A. GENERAL MEETING
ELECTION MEETING**

June 14th, 2017
Middle School Auditorium
7:00PM

*Come join us for our special final P.T.A. General Meeting in celebration of
all the accomplishments we have achieved this year as an entire school community.
Come cast your votes for the P.T.A.!*

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Review & Approval of May Minutes
3. Principal's Comments: *Louis Pavone*
4. Parent Coordinator Updates: *Claudia Lieto-McKenna*
5. School Leadership Team (S.L.T.) Report: *Genevieve Bernier*
6. Treasurer's Report: *Jennifer Malinowski*
7. P.T.A. Executive Board Election: *J. Malinowski, A. Athanasiou, N. Rothkopf*
8. P.T.A. School Year Wrap-Up
9. Questions & Comments
10. Student-of-the-Month Awards: *Jessica Morgan*
11. Adjournment

Childcare will be available in the cafeteria for P.S./I.S.78 students.
Please Note: there are two supervising adults.

If you would like to sign up for email notifications please go to our webpage <http://www.psis78pta.org/>

Every parent has a vote, come to make yours count!

HAPPY SUMMER!

See reverse side for our thank you letter... →

Dear P.S./I.S. 78Q Families-

Thank you for helping us achieve so much as we navigated through our first year on the PTA Executive Board. It was a pleasure to serve you this year, and it would be an honor to do so once again in September. Here are some of our great accomplishments:

FUNDRAISING-

- A net profit of \$120,000 through fundraisers and the Family Giving Fund donations, including over \$45,000 from our Spring Gala and Silent Auction (and still counting!)
- Sponsorship Package created by Sara Taylor and Tiloma Jayasinghe, a new initiative to involve corporations and local businesses to secure donations and establish long-term working relationships; secured over \$20K in sponsor donations for our spring gala in addition to many donations for all events

- New fundraisers in addition to our recurring events such as: *A Night Under the Stars*, *Turkey Trot*, *FAM JAM DJ Party*, *Yankees Game*, *Shutterfly*, and *Our Harvest*

WORKING WITH ADMINISTRATION-

- Implementation of DAILY RECESS for all!
- Advocated for the hiring two school aids to assist in daily recess
- Working on securing a playstreet closure for additional outdoor recess play area adjacent to the ECC
- Advocated for teacher newsletters, more parent workshops, coding for all
- Advocated for email communication/newsletters and detailed school program descriptions, currently implemented by our parent coordinator, Claudia
- Agreement from administration to broaden their email database and send out more detailed electronic communications

P.T.A. FUNDED PROGRAMS & EXPENSES-

- Funded *Kids Orbit* to help orchestrate our daily recess program
- Funded training for 20 new parent volunteers under *Learning Leaders* to assist daily lunch/recess program
- Funded two teacher assistants
- Purchased new musical instruments and recess equipment
- Funded Programs such as *Studio In A School* and *South Street Seaport Sailing Program*
- Purchased school datebooks and school supplies
- Assisted in funding 8th grade graduation supplies and Teacher Appreciation events

COMMUNICATION-

- New and improved P.T.A. website with increased FB and email communications
- Changed all P.T.A. communications to a more visible yellow paper
- Incorporated PowerPoint slides at P.T.A. meetings
- First year for implementation of Class Parents, including collection of parent email database
- Brought Student of the Month back to PTA meetings to include more parents
- Signup.com website for volunteer opportunities at events

SCHOOL SPIRIT-

- New School T-shirts designed by parent Kim Lendrick-more school spirit gear to come!
- School logo water bottles as student-of-the-month gifts

PARTNERSHIPS/NEW PROGRAMS-

- We partnered with Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer to fund the *CASA Metropolitan Art* Middle School Program for 2018; actively working on securing additional funding for recess
- Switched P.T.A. bank account to create a partnership and support local *Astoria Bank* who will sponsor many events
- Grow to Learn's Garden to Café tasting program
- School Kidz- order School Supplies online and delivery directly to school

PARENT INVOLVEMENT-

- Overseeing of new garden grants by Eric Malinowski
- Garden Committee lead by parent Karly Lin
- Parent-Initiated High School Prep Workbook by Cheryl Watson
- P.S./L.S. 78 PTA website created and managed by Mona Le Roy

- Design of all event invites, sponsorship package and Spring Gala Program by Jessica Estrada-Watson
- Teacher Appreciation Events Coordinator Bea Murphy
- Spring Fair Committee Heads Bea Murphy and Cheryl Watson
- Music Entertainment by Emmet O'Malley, DJ Suhel, Mami Chan and Runa Tanaka
- Thank you to all our parent volunteers who make every event a tremendous success!

2017-2018 PTA GOALS-

- Secure outside funding and/or grants to help fund recess to ensure we keep daily recess
- Afterschool Sports Leagues
- Afterschool Clubs-i.e. drama/theatre club, chess club
- Orchestra instruments
- Community outreach programs
- Website improvement
- Foreign language in Middle School and lower grades
- New Afterschool options
- Coding/Science Programs
- New Kindergarten parent Meet-ups
- Online Silent Auction-including a special selection of student artwork to be auctioned with help of our amazing art teachers
- Special Committee for low cost Family Fun Fridays/Wellness events
- Increase Middle School Programming
- Change to the Alternative School Food Menu-free and provides healthier options
- New Committee heads: Fundraising/Spring Auction, Middle School, Recess, Communications

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue working closely with all of our families, teachers and administration to accomplish our goals and continue building on everything we have created this year! We wish you all a wonderful summer break!

With Much Appreciation,

Genevieve Bernier, Co-President

Bree Chambers, Co-President

Anastasia Athanasiou, Co-Vice President

Jaclyn Bowdren, Co-Vice President

Jennifer Malinowski, Treasurer

Lilly Rojas, Secretary