

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

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## Meeting minutes

March 24, 2021 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by F. Bruno

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### In Attendance

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Attendees: 30 people including below

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

SLT: M. Goetz

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

PS/IS 78Q December PTA Meeting

Held on zoom on Wednesday, March 24th

Floor opened: 18:30 EST

Call to order by F. Bruno: 18:31 EST

February meeting minutes - approved

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### Principal's Update

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Back to school

Opt in period open until 4/7 for Pre-K to 8

Date of implementation is for Pre K to 5 is TBD, could be end of April

No direction yet on MS grades

Classrooms and teachers

Will aim to keep current in person students with their teachers to avoid another change for them

Parents cannot request their child be assigned to a specific teacher

If more students opt in than can be accommodated with the current teachers, substitute teachers will need to be assigned

Teachers on medical accommodations will remain until end of school year

Goal is to transition in person learning to 5 days if it can be done safely and is assessed grade by grade

Testing and Vaccinations

Health survey forms were updated this week

Consent forms should be provided for every person entering the building

School is not informed of test results about positive cases

School is not informed about vaccination statuses of staff

Budget

School will not be held responsible for deficit caused by student transfers this year

Budget deficit will be covered by the stimulus package

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Further details to follow

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## SLT

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Testing dates are TBD.

Social studies curriculum is Western hemisphere based, and the curriculum is looking to be augmented.

Parent workshops have been successful.

Content teachers are back for MS.

Eighth grade graduation is currently being planned for in person on the field. Date and details are in discussion.

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## Treasurers' Report

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Treasurers' report reviewed. Please refer to slides 9 and 10 for details.

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## Additional Topics

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### PTA and SLT elections

Nominations open until the next PTA meeting on 4/14. Nominations can also be taken from the floor on 4/14.

Election will be held on 5/19.

All nominations should be submitted as per bylaws to [election2021@psis78pta.org](mailto:election2021@psis78pta.org)

Election committee is being formed. Please reach out to [fran@psis78pta.org](mailto:fran@psis78pta.org)

SLT position will be a one year term

### Fundraiser events

Paint n sip on April 9th

Kits provided by ArtStrong

Food and beverage discounts from local businesses

School T-Shirts

Order before April 1st.

### Proposed fundraiser

Paint n sip for adults in April

Read-a-thon for May

### School pictures

Will be held outdoors on April 22nd and 23rd and will be individual pictures only

### Future dates

School closures and important dates - refer to slide 14

Next PTA meeting will be held on April 14th at 6.30 pm

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## Questions

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How many kids are there in each classroom?

Principle Pavone: Dependent on size of room and regulations. No classroom will have more than the DoE limits.

Will school transition to 5 days?

Principal Pavone: It is always the goal to transition to 5 days if school can do it safely.  
Will continue with the current A/B schedule until after the opt in and then re-assess. It is dependent on space and staffing.

Why is the District 30 PreK 5 days a week but school PreK is A/B?

Principle Pavone: Due to space and staff available. Currently looking into options for 5 days.

Will the school update HVAC?

Principal Pavone: It was updated and is up to code for the September 2020 start.

Will there be a field day?

Principle Pavone: Having conversations right now, it is difficult to social distance during a field day.  
Graduation is going ahead, waiting to see if there is any directive about a field day.

Questions sessions closed at 19:25 EST

Meeting adjourned at 19:27 EST

Next PTA meeting to be held on Zoom on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021