

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

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Meeting minutes

April 14, 2021 | 6:30pm | *Meeting called to order by K. Craig*

In Attendance

Attendees: 50 people including below

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

SLT: A. Galan

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

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and staff member Monica Gutierrez

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

Held on zoom on Wednesday, April 14th

Floor opened: 18:30 EST

Call to order by K.Craig: 18:33 EST

March meeting minutes - approved

Queens Borough President (QBP)

Upon reviewing funds allocated when the MS building opened, there has not been funds distributed from QBP's office since that time. The school will be funded for some of Principal Pavone's requests with possible projects being smart boards, laptops and STEM.

Parent Advisory Board meetings are held monthly, and urged parents to attend these meetings to advocate for their schools. Meetings are held on Zoom. Next meeting will be on April 29th, visit www.QueensBP.org for signup.

The QBP's office is working with DOE to bring a specialized high school into Queens.

Discussed the importance of funding Hospitals, Cultural Institutions and assisting small businesses in Queens.

Discussed hate crimes and importance of community and individual responsibility.

Principal's Update

School closures

New policy went into effect on 4/12/21 and is available on the DOE and school website.

Classrooms and teachers

Students who opted into blended learning will begin on 4/26 with the CDC guidelines.

Students currently in blended learning will keep their teachers.

Grades Pre-K, K, 2nd, 3rd will begin 5 days a week on 4/26, 7th and 8th will continue as 5 days.

Remaining grades of 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th will remain on the A/B schedule.

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State Tests

All students that opted in to the tests by 4/13 have been assigned to the schedule below. For students that contacted the school after the opt in date will be considered for a later date and will be contacted individually. The option to opt in is now closed.

ELA test will be held as follows for students that opted in by 4/13:

Cohort A - 4/20

Cohort B - 4/21

Cohort D (Remote) - TBD

Grades from the state tests will not be considered for MS and HS admissions.

Summer school (Summer Rising)

Some students will be mandated but will be open to all children

Schedule is as follows:

Grades K to 5: 7 weeks/M-F/8am to 6pm

Grades 6 to 8: 6 weeks/M-F/8am to 4pm

More details to follow.

SLT

Graduation will be in person on 6/11. More details to follow.

School lost funding this year, but will be able to recapture some loss due to grants from elected officials.

Encouraged all parents to attend CEC meetings regarding rezoning of District 30 schools. Highlighted the importance of knowing the facts and being educated on the situation.

Treasurers' Report

Treasurers' report reviewed. Please refer to slides 4 and 5 for details.

Additional Topics

PTA and SLT elections

No nominations from the floor.

The election is uncontested and confirmation will be held on 5/19.

Fundraiser event

First "Read-a-thon" will be held in May

School Garden

Orientation will be held on 4/23 and 4/24.

Volunteers are requested to water plants during the summer

One of the goals this year is to give some the produce to local food banks

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School pictures

Group A - 4/22

Group B and grades 7 and 8 - 4/23

Remoted students can sign up using Signup genius at either the ECC or MS location

Caps and gowns will be available for 8th grade students

Future dates

School closures and important dates - refer to slide 12

Next PTA meeting will be held on May 19th at 6.30 pm

Questions

How many kids are there in each classroom?

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

Will students eat lunch in the cafeteria?

Principal Pavone: No, cafeteria is used by 7th grade, and students will be in classrooms and will keep 6ft distance.

Questions sessions closed at 19:57 EST

Meeting adjourned at 19:58 EST

Next PTA meeting to be held on Zoom on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021