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

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Meeting minutes

November 15 2023 | 6:30pm | *Meeting called to order by K. Craig*

In Attendance

Attendees: 82 people including below

PTA Executive Board: K. Craig, E. Allen, R. Gunness, A. Shum, K. Kitsis

SLT: K. Craig, R. Gunness, H. Aleysain, C. De Los Rios

School Leadership: D. Rombone, J. DiRoma, E. Montalvo

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by K. Craig.

Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 2023 PTA meeting were approved.

Introduction of PTA Board

K. Craig, R. Gunness, E. Allen, K. Kitsis, A. Shum

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented. See presentation for more details.
The Fall Gala raised \$75,329, a great achievement.

Upcoming PTA Events

Gardening Event- November 17

Turkey Trot- November 18

Winter Wonderland - December 9

Christmas Tree Lighting on Waterfront - December 10

PTA Meeting - Change of date - December 12

PS/IS 78Q School Garden Event

Please join us in the middle school garden on Friday November 17th at 2:30pm to plant spring bulbs. All ages welcome, children must be supervised by an adult. Thank you to Hunter's Point Parks for donating bulbs to our school gardens.

Turkey Trot

Join us for our annual Turkey Trot on Saturday November 18th, race starts promptly at 10am. Volunteers are still needed. \$20 per child. See slide for signup details.

Giving Tuesday

On November 28th it is Giving Tuesday - donate \$78 for P.S./I.S 78.

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Winter Wonderland

Save the date! Saturday December 9th from 11am- 2pm at Culture Lab at the Plaxall Gallery, 5-25 46th Ave.

There will be music, bouncy houses, carnival games, food, drinks, a bake sale, a visit from Santa and so much more! More details to follow soon. Volunteers and bakers will be needed. Stay tuned for sign up links.

Waterfront Tree Lighting

Join us at the LIC Waterfront Christmas Tree Lighting. This year the PIS/IS78Q PTA is linking up with hosts Hunters Point Parks Conservancy and Frank Ottomanelli's By the Water. Our own PS/IS78Q chorus will perform!

Meet up at 3.30pm on Sunday December 10th by Frank Ottomanelli's, 52-10 Center Blvd.

Online Spirit Store

P.S./I.S. 78Q virtual merchandise storefront is live. P.S./I.S. 78Q PTA will receive 15% of all profits from purchases. All items are shipped directly to your home.

Important School Dates

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November - Thanksgiving - school closed.

Monday December 25th - Monday January 1st - Winter Recess - school closed.

Ways to Contribute and Support

Support while you shop. Save 20% off when ordering your Holiday cards by using the code FUNDRAISEPSIS78Q at Minted.com. Use the FLIPGIVE app to save and raise money for school while you shop.

Principals Report

Ms. Rombone announced that the US News & World Report was released and named PS/IS78Q as #33 in New York City and #54 in the state for overall best elementary schools. The test scores revealed that 82% of students scored at or above the proficient level in math and 86% scored at or above that level for reading. PS/IS78Q also ranked #1 in District 30, the only school who scored higher is a citywide Gifted & Talented School. We are very proud of our students and teachers and we thank the parents. Ms. Rombone also thanked the PTA for their efforts.

SLT Report

Hossein Aleysain give a report of the recent School Leadership Meeting. There are two new SLT parent members – Tamara Czirjak and Alexios Mantzarlis. CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) goals were discussed. These goals refer to working towards the following: a supportive environment framework that will result in

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improved equity and student voice; quality IRPs, decreasing any chronic absenteeism, and improving ELA, math and science scores. Various tools and approaches will be used throughout the year to ensure these goals are met. Teachers are encouraged to attend at least one PTA event during the year for engagement and support. Student Council elections will take place this Fall, 5 hours of community service to the school will be mandatory for each Council member. The Safer Access System has been installed and activated at the ECC, communication went out to all families about this system.

Questions and comments

None

Student of the Month Presentation - Responsibility

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 7.10pm by K. Craig at