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# Meeting minutes

January 10, 2024 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

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### **In Attendance**

Attendees: 73 people including below

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

SLT: K. Craig, R. Gunness, A. Mantzarlis, H. Aleysain.

School Leadership: J. DiRoma

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the December 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.

### **Upcoming PTA Events**

Readathon- February 1st- 15th

Parents night out - February 8th

Valentine's Day Bake Sale - February 13th

### **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**

Monday January 15th - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - school closed.

Monday February 19th- Friday February 23rd- Midwinter Recess- schools 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.

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### **Principals Report**

Ms. DiRoma wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reminded everyone about the 3 day weekend in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and announced the Kindergarten Open House to be held on Thursday January 11, 2024 at 8:30am in the ECC building.

### **SLT Report**

Alexios Mantzarlis gave a report of the recent School Leadership Team Meeting. Teachers will be sending out promotion in doubt letters to students setting expectations on whether they are on track for promotion / graduation. These letters don't mean students are being held back, but provide an opportunity to warn that an acceleration in progress is needed.

Computer-based testing (CBT) will be rolled out this year for standardized tests to grade 5 students (science, math, ELA) and grade 8 students (science, math, ELA). Some other schools will have CBT for all grades this year, PSIS78 is starting with the mandated ones. Next year all grades 3-8 will move to CBT. One round of practice tests has been completed and another one will be conducted between Jan 16 and 26 to test student, staff and system readiness.

DOE has recently updated the WiFi in school and will be gradually testing it to avoid overwhelming the NextTerra testing system.

PSIS78 put in a capital project request to upgrade security cameras and for auditorium upgrades. Projects are reviewed by CEC and the DOE then determines spending based on priorities and needs.

The PK/K open house will take place on January 11 at 8:30am for aspiring K students and families.

### **Questions and comments**

No questions or comments.

### **Student of the Month Presentation - Kindness**

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm by K. Craig.