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

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Meeting minutes

February 12, 2025 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by K. Craig

In Attendance

Attendees: 54 people including below

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

SLT: R. Gunness, H. Aleyasin, A. Mantzarlis

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

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by K. Craig. The minutes from the January 2025 PTA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented. See slide for more details.

Upcoming PTA Events

February

- Valentine's Bake Sale - Thursday February 13
- Read-A-Thon - February 3 - 17

Read-A-Thon

The annual school Read-A-Thon is currently taking place, ending on February 17th, it is open to all students from K - 8th Grade. Please visit [BIT.LY/PS78READATHON25](https://bit.ly/ps78readathon25) to register, there is still time to take part. Individual winners for the most money raised will receive gift cards, the winning class will have a pizza party for the class, parents will be invited to the celebration, and there will be a trophy procession and the trophy will remain in their classroom until the next read-a-thon.

Valentine's Bake Sale

The Valentine's Bake Sale will be held on Thursday February 13th from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm outside the Middle School Building. Volunteer bakers are needed, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/EQiqBxS>.

Important School Dates

- Monday February 17 - Friday February 21 - Midwinter Recess - schools closed.
- Thursday March 6 - Early March 6 - Early dismissal for Parent Teacher Conference.
- Monday March 31 - Eid al-Fitr - schools closed.
- Monday April 14 - Friday April 18 - Spring Recess - schools closed.

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Principals Report

Ms. Rombone gave the principal's report. She thanked everyone and congratulated the Students of the Month. Ms. Rombone thanked the PTA for establishing political connections and fund raising for the school which allows so many additional programs and projects for the students. Ms. Rombone highlighted that P.S./I.S. 78Q is academically exceeding other schools in the district and thanks teachers for their hard work leading to academic success and for their focus on social emotional learning in these challenging times. The hydroponics lab was discussed and is being used by 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The elementary school basketball team was congratulated for amazing team work and great success, winning all games apart from the final in the recent competition. The cheer squad are also doing well and took part in a cheer expo, Ms. Rombone thanked Ms. Levine. The robotics club has had success at a recent event, congratulations to the 7th and 8th graders involved. A CASA art and gardening project will be starting soon after school for 6th and 7th grade, thanks to Ms. Keen and Julie Won. Classes will be going out into the school garden in the spring. An academic support program will be starting after school for grades 3 - 8, a letter will be going home to parents soon. The school musical this year will be Frozen, grades 3, 4 and 5 can audition to take part, thanks to Mr. Boeckmann, Ms. Eckhaus and Ms. Keen. There is going to be an art program for grades 2 - 5 starting soon. The elementary soccer team tryouts will be held in March.

SLT Report

Hossein Aleyasin gave the SLT report. At the SLT meeting that took place on Friday February 7th the art program for grades 2-5 was discussed. Cyber bullying and the connected dangers and ramifications were also discussed, the police will be coming into school to discuss with Middle School students. The school cell phone policy was discussed, all phones must be turned off and put away during school hours, students not following these rules may have their phones or devices confiscated. Absenteeism was discussed as it has recently increased. ICE was discussed, ICE representatives must have a court order and will not be permitted into school buildings. The hydroponics lab is in use, thanks to Julie Won and Mr. Pistell.

Questions and Comments

None.

Student of the Month Presentation: Courage

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 7.07 pm by K. Craig.