



PS17Q Henry David Thoreau Parent Teacher Association

January Meeting Minutes January 28, 2025

Date: January 28, 2025

Location: In Person

Time: 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Website: <https://www.ps17qpta.com/>

Executive Board:

Co-Presidents: Samantha Cabrera

Co-Vice President: Jennifer Smith and Adila Todic

Co-Secretaries: Armenuhi Avanian and Amanda Persaud

Treasurer: Elisabeth Wickeri

Committee Chairs

Fundraising Committee Chair: Ryan Patterson

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 17Q was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in person. With quorum met, the PTA meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. PTA Update

- a. The Co-Secretary called the meeting to order and welcomed the caregivers.
- b. It was noted that the minutes from December 2024 were available online. (<https://www.ps17qpta.com/copy-of-who-we-are>). Given the short notice, it was decided that the minutes would be adopted at a future date.
- c. Kinara Rosa stepped down as Co-President in December and was thanked for all that she has done for the community.
- d. Our first weekly newsletter was sent out earlier this week via email and asked for parents to sign up to receive the weekly newsletter.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer presented expenses and income for the PTA from the past month,

and gave a breakdown of income and expenses.

- b. \$5,103.23 was added as income to our bank account this month, for a total of \$25,223.60 so far this year. The majority of funds raised this period resulted from the Read-a-Thon check deposit, and candy grams sold.
- c. \$10,074.37 was spent this period for a total of \$19,315.11 so far this year. The bulk of the expenditures this period resulted from checks written to Kidspire for our enrichment program, with other expenses for candygram expenses.
- d. The Treasurer reported that the Executive Board had continued to discuss a move towards 501c3 incorporation. Following a discussion, caregivers were asked to vote on whether we should pursue incorporation, and the vote passed. Volunteers were asked to contact the PTA if they are interested in sitting on an incorporation committee.
- e. Caregivers were asked to volunteer for the budget and audit committees.

3. Fundraising Update:

- a. An overview of fundraising activities planned for 2024-2025 was displayed.
- b. In December: the PTA decorated, labeled and distributed 1,880 candy canes.
- c. November Read- A- Thon winners got to pie teachers and the principal in the face.
- d. The Co- President asked for volunteers to help organize the dance and for friendship grams.
- e. Families are encouraged to contact the fundraising chair with ideas and to participate in fundraising.
- f. February: Friendship Gram- 2/7-13/25
- g. March: scholastic book fair- mid March.
- h. Upcoming: Online auction

4. Wellness Council:

- a. Amybeth and Armenuhi provided an overview about the Wellness Council and its activities planned for 2024-2025, and invited caregivers to join the mailing list and to get involved.
- b. Monthly Meeting-2nd Wednesday of each month via Zoom'
- c. The next wellness meeting is on 2/12/25 at 7pm - <https://bit.ly/WCMtg2425>

5. Principal's Report:

- a. All students in grades K-5 are completing middle of year assessments
- b. Math: K-5- IReady
- c. English Language Arts:
 - i. K-2: Acadience
 - ii. 3-5: Iready
- d. Budget Updates
- e. We have been able to support academic and enrichment programming:
 - i. Saturday programming added for specific students in grades 3-5

- ii. 1:1 devices in classrooms for student use
 - iii. Funding of trips (not including tolls):
 - 1. 5th Grade: Lion King on Broadway in April
 - 2. 4th & 5th grades: Medieval Times at end of March/April
 - 3. More to come!
 - iv. Bricks for Kids will begin in 4th grade
6. Current Events
- a. The Principal addressed recent events and concerns in the community. She emphasized that the children's safety is the priority for the school, and noted that staff received updates on [protocols](#)
 - b. Meeting with caregivers will be held.
7. PS 17 Counselor Monica Reyes talked about the upcoming Respect For All week and efforts in the school to address respect.

The awards for students were announced before the full program was dismissed at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting of the PTA will be on February 25, 2025 at 7pm on Zoom.**