



## **PS17Q Henry David Thoreau Parent Teacher Association**

### **Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025**

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Date: May 27, 2025

Location: In Person

Time: 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm

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

#### **Executive Board:**

President: Samatha Cabrera

Co-Vice Presidents: Jennifer Smith, Adila Todic

Co-Secretaries: Amanda Persaud, Armenuhi Avanian

Treasurer: Elisabeth Wickeri (not present but provided written financial report as shown in meeting slides)

#### **Committee Chairs**

Fundraising Committee Chair: Ryan Patterson

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 17Q was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, in person. With Quorum met, the PTA meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

- PTA Updates:
  - Co Secretary Amanda Persaud called the meeting to order.
  - It was noted that the minutes from April 2025 were available online. (<https://www.ps17qpta.com/copy-of-who-we-are>). The Co-Secretary asked if there were any questions or comments, and objections to approval; hearing none, the minutes were approved.
  - Co-President Samantha Cabrera welcomed caregivers.
  - A big thank you was spread to all the volunteers who helped with Teacher and Staff Appreciation week (May 5-10) and the Multicultural Festival (May 17).

- Treasurer's Report:
  - The Co-Vice President (Jennifer Smith) spoke on behalf of the Treasurer and presented expenses and income for the PTA from September 23, 2024-May 27, 2025,
  - The Co Vice President also shared an update on continued efforts to 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.
- Fundraising Update:
  - An overview of fundraising activities conducted throughout the 2024-2025 academic year was displayed
- Wellness Council:
  - Wellness Council Chair, Armenuhi Avianan, 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.
  - **Monthly Meeting** - 2nd Wednesday of each month via Zoom'
  - The next wellness meeting is on **3/12/25 at 7pm** - <https://bit.ly/WCMtg2425>
- Executive Board Elections for 2025-2026
  - Co-Vice President Jennifer Smith gave an overview of the nomination process and how voting would work.
  - All candidates - including nominees from the floor - were invited to introduce themselves and state why they felt they were a good fit for the position.
  - Voting was done via a google form that was only shared with those present at the meeting. The results were reviewed by three executive board members who were not running for positions (Jennifer Smith, Ryan Patterson, and Armenuhi Avianian).
  - The new E- Board members for 2025-2026 are -
    - ★ Samatha Cabrera and Kinara Rosa for Co-Presidents
    - ★ Sarah Hill for Vice President
    - ★ Kharisi Bonner and Krismarina Romero for Co-Secretaries
    - ★ Kelly Qualters for Treasurer
- Principal's Report:
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The awards for students were announced before the full program was dismissed at 8:00 pm. **The next and last meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 7pm on zoom.**