



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

### **March Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025**

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Date: March 25, 2025

Location: In Person

Time: 6:05 pm- 7:00 pm

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

#### **Executive Board Members in attendance::**

Presidents: Samantha Cabrera

Co-Vice President: Jennifer Smith

Co-Secretaries: 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, March 25, 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
- b. It was noted that the minutes from January 2025 and February 2025 were available online. (<https://www.ps17qpta.com/copy-of-who-we-are>). The Co-Secretary Amanda asked if there were any questions or comments, and objections to approval; hearing none, the minutes were approved.
- c. The Co- Secretary welcomed caregivers.
- d. Book fair was March 18-20 and online sales are still happening until March 31. The Secretary thanked the volunteers.
- e. Sales from the book fair so far was \$7,199 and the PTA will get 25% of the amount.

- f. More fun PTA events coming up: School Dance: March 28, 2025 at 5:30pm; Teacher appreciation week: May 6-10; Multicultural Festival: May 19
  - g. The Co-Secretary asked for volunteers to help organize the multicultural festival.
  - h. Election for new E- Board members for 2025-2026 has been announced and will be held on May 27, 2025 PTA meeting.
  - i. The treasurer shared information about the companies available to do school photos for the upcoming year; a poll was made available for caregivers to share their thoughts about what the PTA should consider when selecting a company (cost, quality, choice of poses, ordering process). The poll was distributed to people present at the meeting and was also shared after the meeting via the PTA's facebook group and DoJo.
2. Treasurer's Report:
- a. The Treasurer presented expenses and income for the PTA from September 23, 2024-February 25, 2025, and gave a rough breakdown of income and expenses for the friendship gram, netting the PTA approximately \$6,207.00 towards the fundraising goal and we had \$536.19 in expenses of \$198.52.
  - b. The Treasurer reported that the Executive Board had continued to discuss a move towards 501c3 incorporation.
3. Fundraising Update:
- a. An overview of fundraising activities planned for 2024-2025 was displayed.
  - b. Families are encouraged to contact the fundraising chair with ideas and to participate in fundraising.
  - c. **Two events happening in March:** Shoe Drive: Used Shoes for Funds. Collect ANY and ALL used shoes 3/25-28
  - d. Craft Sale (early May)- Please donate crafts to sell
  - e. **Fundraising Events planned for May:** Online Silent Auction May 5-16; Gentle Arts Parents ut Fundraiser: May 10; PS17 Swag: Uniforms, totes & mugs.
  - f. Caregivers were asked to volunteer at any of the events.
4. Wellness Council:
- a. AmyBeth Whissel provided an overview about the Wellness Council and its activities planned for the remainder of the school year, 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 **4/9/25 at 7pm** - <https://bit.ly/WCMtg2425>
5. Principal's Report:
- a. Principal Heyward Welcomed everyone and wished a happy Ramadan to those who celebrated.
  - b. Only 58% participated in the school survey. We did much better last 23% and encouraged more parents/caregiver to fill out the survey form. Email Ms. Sheppard at [SSheppard6@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:SSheppard6@schools.nyc.gov) if there is an issue with your survey

or if you have any questions.

- c. Ms. Heyward informed parents about Title I. They chose to support:
  - i. Raffles
  - ii. Food for caregivers/students to support attendance at meetings
- d. Supplies 25/26: We have been able to order ALL supplies for next year. While there is a chance there may be small requests, we have been able to purchase most items.
- e. Also, April 9th the school will have an Arts Festival from 4:30-7:00 PM
- f. Saturday, April 26th- the 5th grade field trip to see the Lion King on Broadway
- g. Flamenco Vivo dance assembly on April 30th: 1st grade: 8:30 AM; 2nd grade: 10:30 AM
- h. The NYS ELA exam will be on April 24th & 25th for Grade 4 & 5 and April 29th & April 30th for Grade 3.
- i. NYS Math exam will be on May 7th & 8th
- j. 5th Grade **only**: NYS Science exam will be on May 13th

The awards for students were announced before the full program was dismissed at 7:00 pm.

**The next meeting of the PTA will be on April 22, 2025 at 7pm on zoom.**