PS17Q Henry David Thoreau Parent Teacher Association

April Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2025

Date: April 22, 2025
Location: online (zoom)
Time: 7:03 pm- 8:18 pm
Website: https://www.ps17qpta.com/

Executive Board Members in attendance::

Co-Vice President: Jennifer Smith and Adila Todic
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, April 22, 2025, on zoom. With Quorum met, the PTA meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

1. PTA Update:
    a. The Co- Vice President called the meeting to order.
    b. It was noted that the minutes from March 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. Co-Vice President Jennifer welcomed caregivers.
    d. More fun PTA events coming up: School Dance: Teacher appreciation week: May 6-10; Multicultural Festival: May 17
    e. The Co- Vice President asked for volunteers to help organize the multicultural festival.
    f. Election for new E- Board members for 2025-2026 has been announced and will

be held on May 27, 2025 PTA meeting.

g. A vote for a photo company has been placed for 2025-2026. The companies are Irvin Simon; Stomping ground; Lifetouch; Studio One; The School Photo Company;ABC School Photographers; Continental Photos. The 2025-2026 photo company will be

2. Treasurer's Report:

a. The Treasurer presented expenses and income for the PTA from September 23, 2024-April 22, 2025, and gave a rough breakdown of income and expenses for the friendship gram, netting the PTA approximately $1,165.00 towards the fundraising goal and we had $570.43 in expenses.

b. The Treasurer and Connie 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.

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. ***Fundraising Events planned for May*** **:**Online Auction May 5-16; Gentle Arts PNO Fundraiser: May 10; PS17 Swag: Uniforms, totes & mugs.

4. Wellness Council:

a. 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 **5/14/25 at 7pm** - https://bit.ly/WCMtg2425

5. Principal's Report:

a. The principal stated that 80.2% of caregivers completed the NYC school survey: thank you for doing your homework!!!

b. NYS ELA exam

1. Grades 4 & 5 (digital): this Thursday & Friday, 4/24 & 4/25
2. Grade 3 (paper pencil): NEXT WEEK, Tuesday & Wednesday, 4/29 & 4/30

c. Class Size Reduction

1. PS 17 was approved for funding two teachers for the 2025-2026 school year for grades 4 & 5.
2. By September 2028, the city would have to cap classes at 20 students in kindergarten through third grade, 23 students for grades

3. 3..Supplies for 2025-2026 (this information was also shared during the March meeting.
4. 4. We were able to purchase most of the supplies for the 2025-2026 school year, significantly reducing the financial burden on families.

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 May 27, 2025 at 6pm in person.**