



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

### **February Meeting Minutes February 25, 2025**

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Date: February 25, 2025

Location: Zoom

Time: 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

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

#### **Executive Board:**

President: 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, February 25, 2025, on Zoom. With quorum met, the PTA meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

#### **1. PTA Update**

- a. The President called the meeting to order and welcomed caregivers.
- b. It was noted that minutes for December and January would be approved at the March meeting, and urged caretakers to review them online.
- c. The Vice President thanked everyone who volunteered in January and February.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The Treasurer presented expenses and income for the PTA from the last month and gave a breakdown of income and expenses.
- b. \$2,307.54 was added as income to our bank account this month, for a total of \$27,531.14 so far this year. The majority of funds raised this period resulted from the second Read-a-Thon check deposit, and friendship grams sold.
- c. \$236 was spent this period for a total of \$19,749.63 so far this year. These

expenditures resulted from administrative costs and supplies for the friendship grams.

- d. Caregivers were asked to volunteer for the budget and audit committees.

### 3. 501c3 Committee

- a. The 501c3 incorporation committee reported that the Executive Board had continued to discuss a move towards 501c3 incorporation, and had retained the pro bono services of Milbank LLC, a law firm.
- b. Following a discussion, caregivers were asked to vote on whether we should pursue incorporation which will incur filing fees of up to \$1,000 of our budget. A vote was held via google form.
- c. **Resolved**, the PTA budget was amended to allow for up to \$1,000 of our budget to be spent on filing fees for 501c3 incorporation.
- d. Volunteers were asked to contact the PTA if they are interested in sitting on an incorporation committee.

### 4. 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:** Dance: March 28 ; Scholastic Book Fair: March 18 - 20,
- d. **Fundraising Events planned for May:** Multicultural Festival: May 19; Gentle Arts PNO Fundraiser: May 10; Online Auction: May 7-11
- e. The President asked for volunteers to help organize the dance.

### 5. 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 **3/12/25 at 7pm** - <https://bit.ly/WCMtg2425>

### 6. Principal's Report

- a. PTC meeting: Thursday, March 6th (½ day)
- b. Workshop Thursday, 2/27 : Empathy & Compassion (3:00PM: Eng; 4:00PM: Sp)
- c. Ms. Heyward explained what CRSE (culturally responsive education) was and why the school has been teaching this. Here is the [guide](#) .
- d. The school has been working with consultant Dr. Cherry-Paul over a 2 year period with CRSE. Here is a Sample: [equity presentation](#)
- e. Here are the goals for 24/25: use of social justice standards: [SJ](#) ; Focus standards for this year: [24/25](#) ; Activities aligned to standards from Anti Defamation League resource: [ADL Overview](#).

- f. Next year 2025/26- Want the school to work on social justice standards that build on work from this year.

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 March 25, 2025 at 6pm In Person.**