

PS/IS 78Q PTA



MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2025 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Sabrina Chin

In Attendance

Attendees: 115 people including below

PTA Executive Board: C. Mendoza, C. Steinberg, M. Hauser, E. Ujkaj, S. Chin, J. Blath

SLT: Alexios Mantzarlis

School Leadership: D. Rombone, J. DiRoma, A. Papapavlos.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by S. Chin. The minutes from the September 2025 PTA meeting were approved.

SPECIAL GUEST COUNCILMEMBER JULIE WON UPDATE

Kalsang from J. Won's office spoke about participatory budgeting, encouraging parents (with students ages 11 and older) to be budget delegates. Community members get to decide how to spend \$1 million of City Council's budget. Meetings are once a month for those interested.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD INTRODUCTION

Co-Presidents: Chase Steinberg and Charmaine Mendoza, Vice President: Mitchell Hauser, Co-Secretaries: Sabrina Chin and Jeff Blath, Treasurer: Ernisa Ujkaj

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

Presented by C. Steinberg. Chase emphasized the importance of donations for PTA and proposed a suggested donation of \$300 per child to support school needs, such as providing tablets for each student or upgrades to the buildings. Donations can be any amount and are entirely voluntary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Revenue and Expenses to date were presented by E. Ujkaj. See slide for more details.

HALLOWEEN

Presented by C. Mendoza. Joint Halloween party October 25 at the waterfront hosted by ps/is78, ps384, and the Hunters Point Parks Conservancy. See slide for more details.

CLASS PARENTS

Presented by C. Mendoza. Emphasized the importance of filling the remaining class parent spot.

COMMITTEES UPDATE

Presented by J. Blath. Reviewed committee's we have so far and introduced the new legal committee.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Presented by D. Rombone. PTA and SLT recognized for a great start to the school year. Update on scaffolding/removal at the ECC building, she expects 2-3 weeks for the final inspection and removal, likely happening in November. She spoke about recent highlights including kindergarten meet-and-greet, and student engagement activities such as United Nations school visit, Hudson River ecosystem. Upcoming events: Middle School Fair (Oct 23), Election Day (Nov 4), Parent-Teacher Conference (Nov 6).



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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) REPORT

Presented by A.Mantzarlis. There were changes in SLT membership, with new teacher representatives and UFT chapter leader. At the last meeting they reviewed the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) for goals of the school. He thanked the teachers for their hard work and flexibility in getting all the after-school programs to happen: sports teams, chorus, robotics, advanced band, all supported by teachers and PTA.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) ELECTION

Presented by S. Chin. Ian Chin was nominated for the elementary school representative. Ernisa Ujkaj was nominated for middle school representative. An anonymous poll was conducted for each, and both nominees were elected.

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REMINDERS

Presented by S. Chin. Quick reminder of the different ways to contribute. Also a reminder on upcoming events and meetings.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION

This month celebrating Effort.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm by S. Chin