



## MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2025 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Chase Steinberg

### In Attendance

Attendees: 109 people including below  
PTA Executive Board: C. Mendoza, C. Steinberg, M. Hauser, E. Ujkaj, S. Chin, J. Blath  
SLT: Alexios Mantzaris  
School Leadership: D. Rombone, J. DiRoma, A. Papapavlos.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by C. Steinberg. The minutes from the October 2025 PTA meeting were approved.

### 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. A flyer will be sent to families.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

### PICTURE DAY

Presented by S. Chin. Planned for upcoming week with strong volunteer interest. See slide for more details.

### TURKEY TROT

Presented by S. Chin. Event to held Saturday, 11/22/2025. Features include kids singing/playing the national anthem (students volunteered); family 1-mile run and parent 1-mile dash with trophies for adults (community open); and sticky bibs (no pins). Teachers encouraged to participate (some offered to run); volunteers and sponsors solicited; and tickets selling. Promotion to broader community encouraged. See slide for more details.

### CLASS PARENTS

Presented by C. Mendoza. Emphasized the importance of filling the remaining class parent spots (503, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade).

### COMMITTEES UPDATE

Presented by J. Blath. Expressed appreciation for committee volunteers.

Winter Wonderland event will feature new format (weekday evening) and activities including Santa, crafts, science demo, booths, and soccer space. Committee members are encouraged for planning, vendor coordination, and logistics.

Gala event (Spring 2026) mentioned as major fundraiser. Committee members are encouraged for sponsorships, raffle solicitations, and venue.

### PRINCIPALS REPORT

Presented by D. Rombone. Principal announced she will be out on medical leave starting December 5; she plans to work from home as soon as feasible and be in daily contact with the two assistant principals and the superintendent's office. Parents/PTA offered support. She emphasized continuity of school operations and coverage. Appreciation was expressed for PTA, staff, and community in success of school and students. Excitement was expressed at opening of ECC playground. PTA has funded Studio in a School and Renzulli programming. Studio in a School for grades 2–5 will begin at the end of term. Renzulli programming will culminate in art



installation / family event after the projects are completed. Teachers and administration will coordinate timing and details.

## **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) REPORT**

Presented by A.Mantzaris. Student council elections are in progress (primaries this week; general next week). CEP goals (school improvement metrics) were reviewed and are now visible in the DOE's i-zone/IPON portal; early assessment data used to anchor year-end goals. Class-size reduction continues to be discussed as an ongoing state-level issue; opening of new nearby schools (e.g., Court Square) is expected to relieve pressure when they come online. Scaffolding at ECC building removed and playground access celebrated for younger students.

## **ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND REMINDERS**

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

## **CALENDAR AND COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENTS**

Presented by J. Blath. Shared Google Calendar has been created for PTA events and meetings to improve reminders and avoid missed communications; Ernisa will distribute calendar links and follow-up emails to class parents and PTA list.

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH PRESENTATION**

This month celebrated Responsibility.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm by S. Chin.