



## MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026 | 6:30pm | Meeting called to order by Chase Steinberg

### **In Attendance**

Attendees: 85 people including below  
PTA Executive Board: C. Mendoza, C. Steinberg, E. Ujkaj, S. Chin, J. Blath  
SLT: Ian Chin  
School Leadership: J. DiRoma, A. Papapavlos,

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by C. Steinberg. The minutes from the January 2026 PTA meeting were approved.

### **GALA APRIL 22**

C. Steinberg Began for saying thank you for participation in the Read-a-Thon and for the community for all the help. For the upcoming Gala there is a need for Sponsors and auction items. We have sponsorship packages we can send to anyone interested and we are currently seeking all kinds of items and experiences for the silent auction.

### **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**

C. Steinberg Anyone who lives or works in the area that is over the age of 11 can vote. If approved, the project could provide approximately \$50,000–\$75,000 to the school for laptops for the students. He asked the community to be ready to mobilize voters in Julie Won’s district when the ballot is set, which will be the week before the April 22 Gala. More details to come in the next meeting.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Presented by E. Ujkaj. Thank you all for joining us for Kids Night out, it was a great turnout. For expenses report see slide for more details.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Presented by E. Ujkaj. Summary of upcoming event calendar, see slide for details.

### **BRIGHT SPOTS ARTICLE**

Presented by E. Ujkaj. Congratulations to PS/IS78 which was featured in an article highlighting the much higher than expected literacy rate of 94% when compared to the poverty rate of 23%.

### **SPRING GALA**

Presented by C. Mendoza. Charmaine reminded everyone to buy the early-bird tickets, and went over the fun activities we have planned. See slide for details.

### **COMMITTEES UPDATE**

Presented by J. Blath. Please reach out to join the Gala Committee to help in any way you are able.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE**

Presented by members of the student council. Donate your canned and pre-packaged food items by dropping off at the school by February 27.



## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

J. DiRoma presented. First great job to the cheerleaders today at the District 30 Cheerleading Expo at IS 126 in Astoria. Also congratulations to the elementary basketball team actually won the the District 30 Community Cup Championship and took home the trophy. Middle school basketball team tournament is coming in early March. This week is Respect for All Week which is a New York City DOE initiative that focuses on the importance of respect for diversity and inclusion within schools to help students and staff recognize cultural differences and kindness. The student Council held a Spirit Week this week to honor respect for all. Permission slips will be going out for: Talent Show grades 3-8, Queens Botanical Garden and Art Partnership for grade two (CASA) which is an afterschool program. In March we will begin our practice and tryouts for the school musical and that's for grades 3-5, and also in March will be academic support for grades 3-8 to prepare for state exams. New York State exams window: grades 3-8. For ELA, the window opens on March 14th. For math, the window opens on March 28th. And the fifth grade science exam begins May 12th. Renzulli Learning is starting again this year. This is a great program that we use that students get to take an online learning profile to see what their learning styles and interests are so that students can kind of gear their teaching towards the learning styles of the students. They will be able to learn in enrichment clusters depending on what subject they are interested in.

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

Presented by I. Chin. CASA, the ARC program, Readathon, and Renzulli Learning all were discussed at the SLT meeting. There will be a cyberbullying assembly: NYPD is going to send someone to speak to grades six through eight about the harms and consequences of online harassment and abuse. iReady engagement is up.

## **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 we are celebrating Courage.

## **MEETING ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by S. Chin