

**PS 165 Town Hall and PTA General Meeting
January 17, 2025 Library 8:15am
Minutes**

Call to Order - PTA Meeting

Held on Friday, January 17, 2025 at 8:15am in person in the school library and broadcast over Zoom. Called to order at 8:22am by Jill Moses with Aisha Coleman as secretary (virtual).

Attendance: ___ of in-person attendees, 25 on Zoom. Total: 20

Welcome and student presentation on the Seven Habits - reviewed Habit #4: Think Win-Win and celebrated Student Spelling Bee Victory

PTA Presentation:

Jill Moses presented for the PTA. Slides are available [here](#).

Approved treasury report at 8:35 am unanimously

Talked about SLT Literacy Night

Discussed PTA Culture and Inclusion Saturday Social Jan 25 from 2pm - 4pm

Co-President reviewed the committees and shared the sign up link

Discussed “Dad”’s Committee (for parents, relatives, caregivers, etc) - Wed Feb 5 from 4 to 5pm at Amity Hall (First Meet) - ask is to bring a “Dad” friend , learn about committees/PTA, ultimately support Spring Fair . Gavan Vogler will chair.

Reviewed the PTA Committees, and highlighted the Dads’ Committee, where we are trying to recruit more dads to get involved with the PTA.

After School Program New Revised Pick Up Procedures and Reasoning

Reviewed after-school pickup procedures (see slide).

- Remember that funding is based on attendance, and also that kids are on waitlists.

YMCA -Program end time 5:15pm, Early pick up starts at 4pm and ends at 430pm.

YANY Program End time 5:00, Early pick up ends 4:15pm

Question: What is the best number to call for early pick ups for YANY

Question: How to reach program directors for YMCA and YANY

Answer: We will put numbers, email and contacts to programs in the slides before sending

Question: Has there been any further thought for after school for PreK in the future?

Administration Answer: There were not enough students for PreK after school last year. But looking into options now. Pre-K has more healthcare guidelines that make it a bit more difficult.

PTA Answer: We are reaching out to programs and it appears it's difficult.

Reviewed DOE CCEC Elections , explained opportunity

Next PTA meeting and Town Hall will be February 28.

Administration presented Town Hall

Principal Scanlon, Vice Principal Diaz and Parent Coordinator Ms. Minaya presented for PS165 Administration.

Special Visits to PS 165 - We had NYC DOE superintendents come visit and visitors from The Netherlands and Chile

Tours are very popular!

Reviewed Kindergarten Tours and Applicants

Be sure that sibling applications are attached

Pre-K students should apply to Kindergarten (not automatic)

Deadline Jan 24 for Kindergarten, Feb 28 due Pre-K

Literacy Curriculum and Reviewed Wit and Wisdom Projects

Look out for the End of Module Projects due February 7th, Reviewed Dual Language project

Computer Based Testing 3-5th grade - Computer based state test

At Home: Practice typing because they have to write essays.

There is an online question sampler

Question: How do we prepare our children at home? How do they show the work on the computer?

Principal Scanlon Answer: We do test prep after school 3rd to 5th grader. Encourage students to show their work and talk through the process. There are tools on the computer that the kids are learning how to use to show their work . The question sampler link has a way to practice (link in slideshow)

In Person question: is it timed?

Answer: Could not hear.

Question: Can you please share resources for typing skills? Are there finger placement resources?

Answer: Third grade does not write paragraphs. Ms Bernal is having them practice typing. They are practicing

Principal Scanlon Reviewed literacy night: Children will get applications if they want a job for literacy night

Dental Visit: Jan 21- 31st. You have to opt in. (Vision was opt out), this is Opt In, use forms. If you previously opted in you are opted in. If you change your mind and want to opt out, email Ms Minaya

Question: How do reports come back from Vision or Dental Visit?

Answer: If nothing went home, its all fine. Glasses delivery did not happen yet.

Question: FYI They bill your insurance if you put your insurance. We are not sure if you have to put your dental insurance. May need to talk to Ms Minaya if you have questions. It's not too late to opt out. Ask Ms Minaya and she will check your forms.

Entry and Dismissal

Building Safety: When Ice is on the roof we have to do entry and dismissal differently. Drop kid at main entrance (class in gym), no parents. Dismissal will be like rain where parents come in one door get child and go through another door to leave.

Important upcoming dates reviewed (see slides fr all)

Remember: Weds Jan 29th no school - reminder!

Feb 3rd PreK Open Classroom

Student Lighthouse will send something on Feb 5th Climate Activity

Feb 14th: Valentine's Day and Number talks open classroom

March 6th: half day for Parent teacher conferences

Question: What are we doing for black history month?

Answer: We will let you know what is being planned by Culture and Inclusion

Principal Scanlon: New Questions System

Parents will have a way to send and prepare questions before Town Halls

Get your voice heard: PTA will send questions with a link for an anonymous form to ask questions so admin will answer Q&A. We will still take questions live at Town Hall as well.

Q&A:

Question: What time is dismissal on March 6th?

Answer: No after school, March 6th ends 11:20

Ms Scanlon is excited to be appointed as Principal!

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.