

Meeting Minutes

April 2023 PTA General Meeting

Meeting Information

Date	March 15, 2023
Location	Virtual (Zoom)
Executive Board Attendees	Victoria Medelius (President) Noelia Plaza (Treasurer) Richard Stein (Recording Secretary)
Additional Attendees	Ms. Thus (Principal) Daron Cheatham (Boys and Girls Club) Carmen Rodriguez (Woodside on the Move)
Preparer	Richard Stein

Minutes

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion Points</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Call to Order	• Meeting called to order by Victoria. at 6:05pm • Full executive board in attendance • Quorum of general members in attendance	
Reading and Approval of Minutes	• February general meeting minutes presented by Rich • Motion to approve minutes from February general meeting • Motion passed	
Principal's Report	• Ms. Jenny (Parent Coordinator) ◦ Reminder to fill out school surveys either online or in-person. ◦ Reminder for all parents/guardians to open an NYC Schools account.	

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	● Ms. Thus (principal) ○ The first 3 classrooms to complete the survey will get a pizza party. ○ The school will start holding special assemblies every month to celebrate students of the month at the recommendation of the Student Council. ○ Read-a-Thon organized by Ms. Josy is underway and will run until the end of the month. Funds will be directed by the SLT. ○ Holi celebration was a successful event. ○ Ms. Josy is holding a SORA workshop. ○ The Dentist will be visiting the school this week. ○ Pre-K is taking a walking trip to the bowling alley ○ There will be discipline code workshops ○ School is looking into a family planner/handbook for the 2023-24 school year. ○ Family fridays moving to class-organized instead of school-wide ○ \$2,735 raised for read-a-thon so far. ○ Brian Yanish, author, will be visiting the school. ● Parent Question about seeing the math books used by the school to help with child's homework. ○ All books are available on teachhub ○ There is a hotline for homework help ● Parent Question about whether or not there can be scheduled days for bringing iPads to school to alleviate backpack load. ○ Will be looked into	

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Boys & Girls Club of Queens	• Daron Cheatham ○ New after-school program beginning March 20th ○ Alongside existing Woodside on the Move program, not a replacement. ○ STEP Program ○ Fitness (Soccer) ○ Dance ○ Comics ○ No after-school on half-days (same as WotM) ○ No Pre-K (same as WotM) ○ Minimum 3 days/wk ○ Parent orientation coming soon ○ BGC Summer Camp details can be found with Ms. Jenny, camp is not related to the after-school program and takes place in Astoria	
Woodside on the Move	• Carmen Rodriguez ○ 3rd year in partnership with PS398Q ○ Very similar program to BGC ○ STEM, Homework Help, Fitness, Yoga ○ Minimum 3 days/wk	
President's Report	• Remaining care closet donations were given to migrant families • 34OS gravel was smoothed out last week • Movie night in February was a success	
Treasurer's Report	• Balance \$2,298.55 • Movie night earned \$173 and cost \$140 • \$10 Maintenance fee • Spring Picture Day in April ○ 20% Commission ○ Will include Cap & Gown pictures for Pre-K and	

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	Kindergarten	
Old Business: Bylaw Amendment	• Amendment addressing the time of meetings approved	
New Business: Spring Festival	• Will be held April 28th	
New Business: Uno's Fundraiser	• 20% Commission • Victoria exploring potential dates	
New Business: UFT Grievance	<i>This was an open discussion amongst attendees in reference to a notice the PTA received from the UFT (teacher's union) noting that the teachers at the school had filed a grievance with the administration. Questions were recorded to either be answered by attendees or sent to the UFT.</i> • What is union animus? • What were the resolutions requested? • What are other parents telling their children about teachers wearing black? ◦ Ms. Thus highlighted that the official school sweaters that many of the staff wear are black. • How many administrators does the school have? ◦ One, Ms. Thus the principal • How is the school governed? ◦ Ms. Thus works with the School Leadership Team and Teacher Committees • Parents need more information from the UFT • Parents want to support the community but need more information • Why was the grievance denied? ◦ Ms. Thus says it was resolved • How many new teachers will be hired next year? ◦ Ms. Thus said four	

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	• Why is there only one administrator? ◦ Ms. Thus says this is a funding issue and she needs to spend the funds where she believes they are most needed. • Which classes get assistant teachers? ◦ Pre-K, Bridge, any IEP • Was the grievance denied? • How long will this go on? • Why did the previous assistant principal leave? • Can Ms. Thus provide more details? ◦ Ms. Thus says no • Will any teacher speak up on the topic? ◦ Ms. Kelly says its an ongoing process so not at this time, no • Will students be impacted • Will new teachers be hired for this school year? ◦ Ms. Thus says no	
Adjournment	• Motion to Adjourn at 7:19pm	

Notes

<u>#</u>	<u>ACTION ITEM</u>	<u>Owner(s)</u>