

*The Parent Teacher Association of P.S. 770
Parent Leadership for an Inspiring Public School*



PTA MEETING AGENDA

February 13, 2025 - 6:15PM to 7:45PM

[Meeting Link](#)

- I. Call to Order
 - All attendees: Please fill out the [Attendance Survey](#)
- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes (January [draft minutes](#))
- III. President's Remarks
 - Community Discussion:
 - School safety/school yard progress
 - Call for DOE response to Executive Order
- IV. Committee Reports
 - Advocacy
 - Afterschool
 - Arts
 - 2/14 (Half Day): Original Works x Arts Coop Workshop
 - Fundraising
 - Silent Auction: Bidding is open February 14 - March 1
 - Multicultural Celebrations
 - ["Food-R-Us" Multicultural Celebration & Potluck](#): Saturday, March 1 - please sign up to bring a dish and/or rep your culture!
- V. Treasurer's Report
 - Interim report
 - Income & expense summary visual ([doc](#))
- VI. School Leadership Team (SLT) Report
- VII. Community Education Committee (CEC) Report
 - Applications due 2/16
- VIII. New Business/Announcements
 - Ms. Hughes announcement
 - Garden & Community Engagement
 - Teriyaki 99 Donations
 - Coat and Shoe Drive
- IX. Principal's Announcements
- X. Look-Ahead
 - Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20, 2024
- XI. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES

[6:20]

Call to Order: Raedell (RW): Meeting called to order.

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Reading and Approval of Minutes: RW: hearing no comments, minutes approved.

[6:24]

President's Remarks: RW: acknowledging and synthesizing the recent community conversations that happened/are happening around school safety and recent Trump Administration Executive Orders, creating space here to discuss further.

- Nathan Tempey: asking about how drop-off/pick-up will work when schoolyard
- Grainne O-Neill: wondering how things are going at PS770 wrt students who might be threatened by ICE?
- Hadas Their (HT): know one of the building managers at Rutland...
- Melineh Kurdian: support the idea of knowing your rights, and translated into Spanish...would also support letter-writing in support of trans students' rights.
- RW: some families have begun letter-writing to Chancellor, etc, (some have cc'd Principal Saratovsky)
- Dara Kammerman: as part of work, have been supporting the school where the deceased attended...funeral expenses were covered for the family...if there's interest, can connect with that school's administration...also very supportive of advocacy for protecting threatened student groups.
- Sam Eletz: think it would be powerful to make ourselves heard as a group in addition as individuals.
- Brandice Davis Taylor: At D22 CEC, Supt said that DOE's policy isn't changing.
- Hadas: there are other efforts going on toward this, and doing something collectively would be great...
- Jessica Saratovsky (via chat): letters have come from other schools
- Melineh: we sometimes exist in a bubble...
- Jordan Munn: it's easy to be in a bubble when the system splinters us into tiny communities, but it can be more powerful to connect with other schools and districts.

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Committee Reports

Advocacy: Hadas Their (HT): have been discussing/working on things related to what we just talked about, at-risk students. Doc here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/14bGrfdMX5v64RdIBP0eN39bY4bjNw-KRVwuhAxl_sos/e/dit?tab=t.0. Exploring ideas of students discussing their feelings on

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Afterschool: HT: Chess and Private Picasso launched the other week, so far so good, folks that are waitlisted will be given dibs for the spring term...Sharon Showalter is working with RTS to bring some arts programming into that on Thursdays (HT: sign up here to help out: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ax9zy6nd_RyMCOOiAmSbJ3ASPs0Y6HKnyRzOnb_1dl/edit?gid=0#gid=0)...Jess is working with Treasure Trunk Theatre to hopefully start up as an enrichment provider in a month for PK-1 (while Mr. Ullmer is doing drama club for 3-5).

Arts: Judy Yang (JY): Half-day art camp happens tomorrow...also working with OriginalWorks again to do art projects that double as a fundraiser...is some work about logo design (more to come in Principal's Announcements: JS: working on changing the name of the school for SY26-27...more to come...)...we are forming time-limited committee *Mural Project Committee* for Mr. R's mural to be painted in the stairwell (by April 11th)...

Sam Eletz: do we know if the RTS grant is vulnerable to Trump admin cuts? JS: will check with RTS.

Fundraising: Carly Benkov: working on Silent Auction, great responses for things to bid on. The website will launch tomorrow for folks to bid on things...details to be shared...HT: will be able to do credit card, but will have other payment options as well...

Multicultural Celebrations: Harrigan: hosting the "Foods-R-Us" multicultural celebration on Saturday, March 1.

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Treasurer's Report: Judy Yang (JY): <walks through Interim Report>. Looked into other options to donate to PTA and avoid the Paypal fees: we can get around the fee by going through PayPal Charities...Brandice: have seen some use Venmo to donate to avoid fees...<walks through the Income & Expense Report> <shows Income & Expenses Breakdown visual>...

RW: we have had pretty low expenses throughout the fall, and will update/revise things as we get into the Spring...

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SLT Report: Brandice: Giving a transparent update in an effort to convince parents to come to the meetings...we're like a mini-CEC...Chancellor's Regs and state regs aren't being followed because parents aren't showing up...my child and I are being retaliated against, and the meetings are being dismissed in violation of regulations...

Melineh: is hybrid an option? Brandice: since we voted on making SLT hybrid...

Nathan: can a link be shared for the meetings when they happen? JS: will check with the district and get back...

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CEC Report: RW: applications for CECs for the upcoming two years are due 2/16.

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New Business/Announcements

AuPairCare: Ms. Hughes: <runs through slides about AuPairCare>

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Valentine's Day Bakesale: Ms. Hughes: supports the Sunshine Committee (an internal committee within PS770 staff)...

Garden & Community Engagement: RW: soliciting engagement for this effort...

Coat and Shoe Drive: HT: looking for donations of coats and sneakers

New School Recruitment Video:

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Principal's Announcements: Principal Saratovsky: goes through [slides](#).