

**PS 165 Town Hall and PTA General Meeting**  
**February 28, 2025 Library 8:15am**  
**Minutes**

8:20: PTA President Jill Moses called the meeting to order  
Attendance: Approximately 15 on Zoom, 15 in person plus the PTA board.

Presentation on the 7 Habits from students from Class 404, focusing on Habit 5

**PTA Presentation**

(slides available [here](#))

- I. PTA Treasury Reports
  - a. January 2025: \$96,872.03 cash on hand as of 1/31/25
    - i. Most spending was for Literacy Night (decorations, authors, snacks)
    - ii. Motion to approve the budget report passed
- II. PTA – Events
  - a. C&I event at library was a huge success
  - b. Fliers coming home about Black History Month with QR codes for more information and resources
  - c. Scholastic Book Fair March 18-25. We need volunteers! [Sign up here](#).
  - d. Stem Night March 27 3-5pm, with NY Hall of Science. We need volunteers for Book Fair that evening and to set up for Stem Night! [Sign up here](#).
  - e. Spring Fair May 17: Starting to plan it now. Being supported by the Dad's Committee. [Sign up](#) on the website.
    - i. Looking for 2+ face-painters. Please get in touch with PTA!
- III. Ways to support the PTA: [Family donations](#), [Amazon wishlist](#), [volunteering](#)
- IV. PTA Committees: Still time to join
  - a. C&I Committee met with PS 165 Equity Team.
    - i. Working to incorporate culture and inclusion into every event
    - ii. Monthly weekend meetup opportunities on a calendar
    - iii. PTA Board Recruitment: to ensure our board reflects the diversity of the community
    - iv. Next meeting March 10 at 3:20pm. TBD whether virtual or in person.
  - b. Dads' Committee
    - i. Focus is Spring Fair
    - ii. PTA Closet organization
    - iii. Field Day: Need a lot of volunteers
    - iv. Next meeting March 11 virtual
    - v. Join the WhatsApp chat
- V. Next PTA meeting on Friday March 21

## **Title I**

SLT has coordinated a trip to Natural History Museum on March 23, 2025.

Vote to approve using Title I funds for this outing. Voting held in person and on Zoom, through Google forms.

Result: 30 yes, 1 no. Vote passes.

## **PS 165 Town Hall**

Ms. Scanlon announced she is expecting. She will return shortly into the new school year. Ms. Rosado will lead the school for the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

Ms. Scanlon emphasized PS 165's values. Our diversity is what makes our community strong. This is a safe place for all families. If any families need help, they should reach out. Ms. Minaya keeps information confidential.

Ms. Rosado discusses Women's History Month. We will be celebrating every heritage month. Women's History Month will be combined with Civics Week for All. Students will learn about women's suffrage and voting.

March 12: Civics lesson on Wednesday

March 13: Women who shaped the world.

March 14: Leadership assembly with student leaders.

Art class will focus on Yayo Kusama. Will continue bringing students to the library. Once you're in PS165 for Kindergarten, you do not need to reapply.

Pre-K enrollment deadline 2/28 for children born in 2021; applications for 3k for children born in 2022.

Wit & Wisdom: Special project for the end of Module 3, school-wide.

Testing season for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades. They are doing those tests on computers. Admin shared information about typing practice and test prep.

School surveys: **Please complete the survey!** They are completed by parents and teachers. It goes out to the public. The results really matter. Read the questions carefully. Deadline by April 4. These surveys have helped increase our enrollment.

Mott Hall: Vote in March about moving to its own space in Harlem and become a 6-12 school. Once that vote happens, we will figure out what happens to their space in our building. One possibility is that PS 165 gets that space, but it's not guaranteed.

Upcoming Dates:

March 6: PT conferences. Half-day dismissal *ends* at 11:20.

March 7: PJ day for pre-k, 1-5; Kindergarten has PJ day 3/14

March 10-14: Civics week

March 14: Kinder PJ day

Next Town Hall 3/21/25

\*New link for questions for admin to address at Town Hall

## **Questions**

Sarah raised an idea about a Chipotle fundraiser. Fundraising committee will look into it.

How many PreK classes?

2 classes with 18 students

What is threshold for canceling outdoor recess?

Padding on the yard gets slippery. There is no specific temperature threshold; admin decides each day but they aim to go outside. Kids should be dressed appropriately for going outside.

Title I survey results?

No final numbers yet. Admin predicts that we will miss the Title I threshold by just a few families. We have funding for next school year, but if we don't hit it next year, those funds will be cut off after next year.

Ms. Garcia is here, our librarian. She taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade DL last year.

Meeting ended 9:07am.