



**PTA General Meeting
February 14, 2024 at 9:00 am
Location: Cafeteria & Zoom
Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review January 2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Principal's Report - Principal Cofie
 - A. Update on 7th Grade Math:

Teacher: No one has been hired. 2 substitutes didn't pan out. Principal has some resumes of potential teachers with math licenses; meeting with one today. Maybe we will have someone after winter break. Mid-year candidates are limited but this remains a top priority.

Resources: Two emails (Gen Ed and Accelerated) with curriculum were sent out last week. Some units are out of order; that is on purpose. Updating Accelerated curriculum with District math coach this week. Students will only skip the final Recap unit which does not contain new material.

Math Academy/other help: Planning to bring back MA but need to solidify which inhouse teacher(s) can handle it. May tap PTA to fund additional support. Principal is not opposed to PTA offer to fund math help but still needs to vet people. PTA cannot pay for teachers but grants can.
 - B. Student Council: Election results will be announced today. First meeting after break.
 - C. Winter Break: 2/19-23: Manhattan Youth camps offered Tues-Fri, open to all students
- IV. Treasurers' Report - Karla Carballo
 - 3 bank accounts: Main account (\$122K); Money market (\$202K); checking (\$638).
 - Last month PTA funded enrichment, drama field trip, bowling field trip, library, PTA expenses (insurance, credit card fees), Snow Ball event.
 - We are in a good position financially but need to make more \$ so we can keep spending.
- V. Presidents' Report - Corinne & Lili
 - A. Upcoming Events
 1. Kindness, Friendship & Love celebration today in our 4th floor library. Are there any parents available to help? Hours are now till noon and then 12:44pm to 3pm.

2. Morton Family Event - Friday, March 15 / 4-7PM: NEW event hosted at school with many different activities for students, parents and teachers. We need help with ideas, planning and volunteers. [Ex: hula hooping; dad and kid corners. Lili is running. Email PTA to help.](#)
3. Career Day, March 22nd - We still need speakers! Please ask family or friends if they can help inspire our students by speaking about their career. [Val Barrett running for the 7th year in a row. Inspire kids. Any careers welcome. Speakers will give ~15 minute presentations, PowerPoints are helpful. Email \[careerday@75morton.org\]\(mailto:careerday@75morton.org\)](#)
4. Auction Party, Friday, April 12 6-9pm - Donation forms ready! Now we need volunteers to help solicit donations for silent auction and volunteers to help plan the party (design flyer, theme, decorations, food & beverage). We also are looking to see if there are family members who want to star in the parent band this year. We need singers, a bassist and a drummer.

B. Announcements

1. Whatsapp Community – Join the group by grade. Managed by parent volunteers and is not affiliated with the MS 297 PTA or 75 Morton administration. [Invite link in PTA newsletter and printout of QR code in Hope's office.](#)
2. 8th Grade Yearbook & T-Shirt design contest submission deadline is this Friday!
3. 6th Grade - Since we added a 2nd event for the 7th grade this year (the Holiday Mixer) are there any parents interested in organizing an additional party for the 6th grade? The only one scheduled was Fright Night in October.

C. Nomination Committee

a. It's time to form a nominating committee to help facilitate the elections for the new PTA board members and SLT members for the 2024-2025 school year. [SLT/PTA EB candidates cannot be on committee. Corinne \(Co-Pres\) and Daniele \(VP\) are leaving and will be on the committee. Corinne nominated Maria Benetos for the third position. Need new PTA members, including new co-President. Ask people if they want to volunteer. Also need someone to replace Corinne in running Insta and FB accounts.](#)

VI. Parent Coordinator Report - Hope Flamm

- A. Fill out the school survey – hardcopy or online. It helps inform the school about changes to make.
- B. Picture day- Feb 15. Taking place first half of the day starting at 9am in half of the gym.
- C. Canned/packaged food drive Feb 27&28: In partnership with City As School, which has a food pantry in their school
- D. Next Coffee Talk: Feb 29. With Uplift Communities. Topic: Digital Literacy. 6pm – note new time.

VII. School Leadership Team Report – Tanya Duprey: Feb meeting rescheduled until after break. Working on CEP Chancellor goal #5. Working towards schools being more inclusive and getting more students to choose NYC public schools. Goal: increase size of incoming class from 65 to 85 students. Fill out survey, that will help. Figuring out other ways to solicit feedback.

VIII. Old Business 8th Grade Snow Ball event was a big success. So much dancing the gym floor was shaking. Thank you parent volunteers for the beautiful winter wonderland decorations..

IX. New Business

X. Adjournment

2023-2024 PTA Executive Board **pta@75morton.org**

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