

**Hybrid - PS 31 PTA Meeting - Friday, December 13, 2024 8:20AM - 9:20AM**  
**Meeting Agenda/Notes**

**PTA Executive Board Members Present**

Lauren Fernandes, CO-President

Francoise Olivas, CO-President

Amy Yip-Ng, Treasurer

Kayla Santos-Cobo, CO-Secretary

Heather Milburn, CO-Secretary

Natalie Gabriel, Board Member

**Motion to Approve November Meeting Notes**

The notes from the November meeting have been approved.

- First Motion: Kenny Volandes
- Second Motion: Cindy Sink

**School Update - Principal Scarlato**

- Hydroponics - Under Miss. Lipponer, students are cultivating plants in water towers and growing produce in the classroom farm stand. The Green Team, composed of K-5 students, is conducting classroom inspections focusing on waste, energy use, and plant life.
- Student Council: The council has three distinct teams and is excited to announce the publication of their first newspaper next week! The teams include the Newspaper Team, Book Buddies (who meet weekly), and a Community Service Team that organizes initiatives like food drives.
- Fun-Keteers - This group of students visits the pre-K class weekly to engage with the younger students through games and activities.

**Ms. Kara's Updates - Kara Manber, Parent Coordinator**

- Book Nook - Open every Tuesday and Friday before school, students who work the Book Nook can earn three book bucks each time they work a shift
- **Kenny** - Title I Workshop: A financial literacy workshop is scheduled for January 23 at 8:15 AM in the library, led by author Ebony Beckford. The session will focus on teaching children how to budget their finances.
- **Ms.Galo** - Snow Days - Please sign up for Google Classroom, as remote learning will be conducted through that platform.
- **Principal Scarlato** - We have welcomed a part-time culinary teacher who will work with grades 3, 4, and 5 for half the year before transitioning to K-2, with classes held once a week

### **Recap Events - Lauren Fernandes, CO-President**

- The Walk of Lights event was a success, held at Berry Park afterward.
- PTA Events to come
  - Potluck Palooza is planned for Friday, January 31st
  - Bingo Night
  - A comedy event will be organized for kids, along with a separate gala.

### **Green Wellness Update - Francoise Olivas, CO-President**

- Next meeting January 24th
- Planter Removal: On Sunday at 2:30 PM, we will be taking down planters. Please talk to Miss. Lipponer about how we can support her in the garden.
- Heather Milburn - Heather has created kitchen kits that include Paperwhite plants and upcycled planters.
- Chess Team: Our students recently participated in a national tournament competing among 2,600 participants from across the country. This was our first time entering a national tournament in Washington, D.C. (Sumi)

**Assembly Announcement:** The laser light show will commence today, December 13.

**Upcoming Event for Pre-K:** Next week, Pre-K students will visit Stewart Cinema to watch "The Polar Express." Pajamas are encouraged for this fun outing.

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**Q&A**

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**Kayla Santos-Cobo & Heather Milburn, Co-Secretaries**

