

P.S. 31 HYBRID

PTA Meeting Friday, September 22, 2023

PTA Executive Board Members Present in Meeting

- Lauren Fernandes, President
- Amy Yip-Ng, Treasurer
- Raven Pena, Secretary
- Francoise Olivas, Board Member

Attendance: 50 parents' combination of online and in person

Our PTA President, Ms. Fernandes, began the meeting by giving us the "run of the show" and quickly discussing each issue that would be covered.

****Successful opening of school in person for 2023/2024****

****Five-year rollout in first grade to cut down on the number of students****

****Parents asked about the possibility of paraprofessionals circulating among the first-grade classes. According to Ms. Gallo and the PTA executive board, Ms. Scarlotto will only have that authority if the parents can afford to pay for a Para, in which case the PTA Executive board would need to vote.****

****The return of in-person events, beginning with Fabulous Friday and Mystery readers, will be announced.****

****The 2023–2024 school year will feature virtual parent–teacher conferences.****

****P.S. 31 is excited to announce that art and music will be back in session for the 2023–2024 school year. P.S. 31 is arranging the program times so that all children can participate.****

****When P.S. 31 determines the start date for Empire After School, the families will be informed that there is a possibility that the after-school program could begin in the middle of October.****

****Applications for the P.S. 31 Student Council, Green Team, and Debate are presently being distributed to our kids.****

****Fire exercises, safety drills, and both soft and hard lock downs Parents are welcome to discuss the significance of the exercises at school with their child as P.S. 31 is currently preparing the students for all of them.****

****PTA P.S. 31 Merch is currently available and will stay available for purchase during the 2023–2024 academic year in addition to upcoming fundraising and events. Picture Day is coming up soon, and a portion of the sales will benefit the PTA. 40% of revenues from Charleston Wrap will be the PTA profit. This year's Fall Fest will be held on October 14, and our PTA is currently working flyers to distribute to our community and families. P.S.31 PTA will**

organize a movie screening related to (Chess) showing November 6, December 11–15 is our PTA winter shopping week. Our PTA is hosting a talent show for our parents in the month of February with the theme as "professional talents vs. silly talents."**

**Organizing assemblies at our P.S. 31 school, celebrating our PTA's International Day Heritage, and paying for each student to receive a shirt to wear just on field trips are all things that are still to come.

P.S. 31 Spring fundraising event, where we raised \$55,000 the previous year, and a field day in June to wrap up our busy year.**