

THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (P277Q)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
January 14, 2026 at 6:30 PM

1. **ATTENDEES** 30+
2. **WELCOME** - Rebecca Moran
 - a. Rebecca introduced the new Spanish translated presentation slides, the WhatsApp community and Alumni Association
3. **MEETING MINUTES** - Rebecca Moran
 - a. December 2025 meeting minutes were shared. Motion to accept the minutes made by Arlene Soto. Motion seconded by Nadia Palaguachi.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Rebecca Moran
 - a. TD Bank balance as of January 14, 2026: \$5018.21
 - b. Motion to accept financial report made by Vanessa Alayon. Motion seconded by Ingrid Caicedo.
5. **VOTE TO UPDATE EIN AND BANK ACCOUNT**- Rebecca Moran
 - a. Reconciliation of old EIN (Employee Identification Number) and current bylaws organization name.
 - i. In the past, the PTA was named as a Parent Association. The old EIN number is associated with this name. The bank account is associated with the current organization name. This mismatch has prevented the PTA from moving forward in the process of applying for 501 (c)/non-profit status.
 - ii. After consultation with the district advisor, the best course of action is to dissolve the old EIN, close the current bank account, apply for a new EIN, open a new bank account with the new EIN and then proceed with application for 501(c). The nonprofit status means the PTA does not need to pay IRS taxes. This is a big change and needs to be brought to the membership.
 - b. A vote was held to:
 - i. Dissolve the current EIN
 - ii. Apply for a new EIN
 - iii. Close the bank account associated with the old EIN and open a new bank account associated with the new EIN and correct name of organization
 - iv. Proceed with application for 501 (c) status
 - v. Start filing taxes
 - c. Membership was asked to vote YES, NO or ABSTAIN via chat
 - i. The motion carried with 22 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstain votes
6. **SLT MEETING REPORT** - Vanessa Alayon
 - a. SLT meeting was held on January 14, 2026 at 10 am via zoom

- b. Principal Beale and staff held an instructional walkthrough at site 315 focusing on HMH literacy curriculum. Co-Presidents Rebecca Moran and Vanessa Alayon, and VP Arelene Soto participated.
- c. Later this month, sites 315 and 777 will be visited by District Leadership and Superintendent Dr. McCoy.
- d. Riverview was named a Green Ribbon School for having a school survey completion above 85%. Only a handful of schools have received this distinction. The hope is to get to 90%. So, parents, please fill out those surveys in the spring.
- e. A Town Hall will be held on January 27th to provide more details on the Parent Retreat in April.
- f. The new Chancellor, Kamar Samuels, has been introducing himself to the NYCPS communities. His priorities for NYC Public Schools are Student Safety and Well Being, Meaningful Academic Rigor and Truly Integrated school communities.
- g. Riverview will also be hosting a Related Services Fair at site 311 from 10am - 12pm. Parents will be able to meet with providers and get tips on how to support students at home.
- h. Upcoming Events
 - i. January 23rd - Related Services Fair @ 311, 10am-12pm
 - ii. January 29th - Student of the Month @ 419
 - iii. February 4th - World Read Aloud Day
 - iv. February 10th - SLT Meeting
 - v. February 16th-February 20th - Mid Winter Recess
 - vi. February 26th - Student of the Month @ 78

7. PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT- Lisandra Aviles

- a. Upcoming Workshops
 - i. How to Protect Your Child Legally and Financially, Friday January 16, 2026 @ 12pm via Zoom
 - ii. Understanding Supports and Services Administered by OPWDD, Tuesday January 27th, 2026 @ 11am via Zoom
- b. Parent Retreat - If you are interested in attending, fill out the survey
 - i. The parent coordinator briefly described the purpose of the retreat and partnership with 177Q. Parents only, no kids. Transportation will be provided (nice charter buses).

8. COMMITTEE REPORT - YOU OTTER KNOW!

- a. **EVENTS** - Ingrid Caicedo-Guzman
 - i. Winter Wonderland - January 16th, 5pm-8pm at Main Site (777).
 - 1. Call for volunteers to help out with the Cafe.
 - 2. Baker's Corner - parent donated goods will be sold for \$1
 - 3. Cupcake decoration kits will be sold for \$3, Brownie a la Mode for \$5 and hot drinks for \$3

- ii. Spring Carnival - January 21st will be the first committee meeting to brainstorm ideas for the Carnival in the Spring. There will be a series of meetings up to the date of the Carnival on May 16th.
- iii. Parents Night Out - Saturday, February 21st @ 5pm in Flushing. Dinner and Karaoke. Please RSVP

b. **FUNDRAISERS-** Rebecca Moran

- i. Chocolate Fundraiser - This is a general fundraiser for the PTA. It is currently ongoing and there is an online store to purchase boxes. However, the prices have gone up. It is no longer 60 \$1 bars, instead it is 30 \$2 bars.
- ii. Candygram for Valentine's Day. Forms and flyers will be going out next week. This is a fundraiser for the Carnival. We did this last year and it was very successful. You can send a candy gram to your child, their friends, teachers, staff even at other sites. \$3 per candygram.
- iii. Riverview Roost @ 485 - Amazon Wishlist and fundraising is ongoing.

9. **NEW BUSINESS-** Rebecca Moran

- a. Swimming will be starting in late February or early March.
- b. They will meet at Grover Cleveland High School on Saturdays.
- c. It used to be only for high school students but is now opening to middle school students.
- d. All levels are welcome. Advanced swimmers will be able to compete in Special Olympics

10. **OPEN DISCUSSION-** Rebecca Moran

- a. Parent, Mona Walker, asked about Parent Site leaders. Hasina Islam is a current site leader at 322 and offered to connect with Ms Walker via WhatsApp parent site leader chat.
- b. Parent, Stephanie Holmes, asked about school pictures. Rebecca Moran notified her that Picture Day is coming up and stated that parents can volunteer to help out at Picture Day. Two parents per site.
- c. Clarification requested on donated baked goods. Can be anything but only a dozen, and nut free and provide an ingredient list.
- d. Clarification provided on RSVP and payment for Winter Wonderland. Parents RSVP for the dinner and pay cash at the door or send payment to the Unit Coordinator.

11. **MEETING ADJOURNED**

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rebecca Moran and seconded by Ivery Taylor.
- b. The meeting ended at 7:40 pm.

The meeting was virtual, conducted and recorded via ZOOM.