THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (P277Q) PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

September 30, 2026, 6:30pm

Election for Financial Secretary &
General Meeting

1. ATTENDEES - 19 participants, including the Parent Coordinator

2. WELCOME - Meeting started at 6:40 pm due to technical difficulties with Zoom.

3. ELECTION for Financial Secretary
    a. Admission to the meeting was paused. 18 voting members present.
    b. The roles and responsibilities of the new position (approved in the bylaws at the June 2026 meeting) were presented to the membership.
        i. The Financial Secretary, in coordination with the Treasurer, is responsible for assisting with the financial affairs and funds.
    c. Nominations were taken from the floor and short introductions were made.
        i. Mona Walker (322)
        ii. Hasina Islam (322)
    d. Voting by direct message to Recording Secretary, Ivery Taylor, since poll function on zoom was unavailable.
    e. Very close. Mona Walker was elected to the Financial Secretary position.

4. MINUTES
    a. A link to minutes was posted in the chat and participants were given a few minutes to read them.
    b. Motion to accept the minutes approved. (Arlene Soto & Ingrid Caicedo-Guzman)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (Joanna Jeros, Treasurer)
    a. Bank total: $3202.52 with no pending debits, as of 9/30/26
    b. The PTA had a table at Fam Fest. $689 raised from the sale of raffle tickets and T-Shirts.
    c. As of August 2026, the PTA of 277Q - The Riverview School has 501(c)(3) status and is officially recognized as a non-profit organization. Any donations made to the PTA are tax deductible.
    d. There was a $275.00 fee associated with registering as a non-profit. Rebecca Moran, Co-President paid the fee and would like to be re-imbursed.
        i. Motion to approve reimbursement for 501(c)(3) application fee for the amount of $275:

1. 17 participants
2. 12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
3. Motion approved.

e. The PTA is still accepting membership dues. Please consider donating $10 (or more if you're able) to our PTA. All donations are tax deductible and help us pay for activities, programs, and materials that benefit the students and staff throughout the year.
f. Thank you for your support and partnership.

6. SLT REPORT (Vanessa Alayon, Co-President)
   a. September meeting: Sep 15, 2026@ 9 am @ 777
   b. AP Miranda Haraughty updated the SLT on the 2026-2027 CEP goals.
      i. **High Quality Learning**: Strengthen quality and implementation of IEPs and increase meaningful student voice in the IEP
      ii. **Attendance**: Increase the percentage of **Chronically Present** students
      iii. **College and Career Readiness**: Improve the alignment of transition aged IEPs across post secondary goals
      iv. **Safe & Inclusive Schools**: Increase student safety/belonging from 81% to 85%
      v. **Literacy**: Key details and Reading Comprehension, improve scores on MAP (standardized) and SANDI (alternate)
      vi. **Math**: Operational Thinking, improve scores on MAP (standardized) and SANDI (alternate)
      vii. **Instructional Focus**: 277Q EmP.O.W.E.R.s students by providing them with the skills and strategies to read, write, speak, and listen in a way that allows them to communicate and engage in their communities as global citizens.

   c. Principal Report
      i. Riverview welcomed 40 new families to the community. Many were in attendance at the New Family orientation earlier this month.
      ii. New teachers and support staff have been hired.
      iii. The budget request was decreased this year; will increase if necessary.
      iv. Full uniforms are now mandatory. Last year was a transition year. The uniform consists of a blue Riverview top and black bottoms or matching blue bottoms.
      v. The NYC DoE electronic device policy has been updated. A.I. use is not allowed for K-8. Screen time for K-2 has been drastically reduced. Devices can be used for small blocks of time in certain cases. Schools are awaiting further information and guidance, especially as it pertains to special education.

vi. Fam Fest was on September 19th.
vii. Meet and Greets were the week of September 22nd.
viii. The D75 Back to School Event has been rescheduled to October 3rd. The theme will be math focused. There will be 15 stations that families can visit to participate in a fun activity.
ix. Riverview Reads: An evening read-aloud program to bring the community together. Book bundles were distributed at Fam Fest, September 19th. The first one is October 28th @ 7pm.

d. YOU OTTER KNOW
   i. 10/2 - PBIS Pep Rally @ 485
   ii. 10/3 - D75 Back to School (rescheduled from 9/26)
   iii. 10/16 - Breast Cancer Walk @ Grover Cleveland Athletic Field (485)
   iv. 10/19 - Virtual Open House
   v. 10/19-10/23 - Digital Citizen Week
   vi. 10/21 - PTA General Meeting @ 6:30 pm, virtual
   vii. 10/23 - Trunk or Treat
   viii. 10/23 - Donation Day with Shake Shack
   ix. 10/26 - SLT meeting @ 3pm @ 777
   x. 10/26-10/30 - Spirit Week
   xi. 10/28 - Riverview Reads @ 7pm
   xii. 10/30 - Student of the month @ 404

7. <u>PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT</u> (Lisandra Aviles, Parent Coordinator)
   a. Parent Communication and Digital Support
      i. Parent Square - Our school communication platform for announcements, resources, and updates. Activation codes are sent daily by email. Contact the Parent Coordinator if you need help activating your account. (718-361-3567, ext. 1122; LAviles11@schools.nyc.gov)
   b. NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)
      i. View attendance
      ii. Track the school bus
      iii. Access your child's school information
      iv. Receive important school updates
   c. First Parent Workshop of the school year: Understanding OPWDD Supports and Services
      i. Learn about available services, eligibility, and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities.
      ii. Virtual Workshop Oct 7, 2026at 12pm - 1:15pm

8. <u>COMMITTEE REPORT - PARENT SITE LEADERS</u> (Rebecca Moran, Co-President)

a. A Parent Site Leader is a parent or guardian from your school site or campus who is part of the PTA leadership team. Parent Site Leaders are here to support, connect, and advocate for our school community, specifically your sites.
    i. Site 777 -Stephanie Holmes
    ii. Site 76 - Mobassarul Hasan
    iii. Site 78 - n/a
    iv. Site 245 - n/a
    v. Site 290 - Gilberto Vargas & Maria Maldonado
    vi. Site 315 - n/a
    vii. Site 322 - Mona Walker
    viii. Site 419 - n/a
    ix. Site 311 - Fatima Boukhenoufa & Lidia Boukhenoufa
    x. Site 485 - Jackie Martinez
    xi. Site 404 - Arlene Soto & Ingrid Caicedo-Guzman
b. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Site Leader, please reach out to the PTA.

9. <u>COMMITTEE REPORT - FUNDRAISING</u>
    a. Breast Cancer Awareness T-Shirt flyers are being sent out.
    b. The BCA walk is October 16, 2026 at 485, Grover Cleveland Athletic Field.
    c. Motion to approve MTA subway series license fee of $350
        i. The PTA created a series of T-Shirts for the different sites, but since they use MTA intellectual property the PTA needs to purchase a licence to use the imagery, specifically Subway Route Symbols.
        ii. The PTA therefore requested a motion to approve the licensing fee in the amount of $350. The licence will last one year effective October 5, 2026.
            1. 17 participants at time of vote
            2. 11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
            3. Motion approved.
    d. Donation Day - Shake Shack
        i. Donation Day will be Friday, October 23rd from 10AM - 12AM. (Same day as Trunk or Treat)
        ii. Mention Donation Day at the register or drive-thru, or use promo code **DONATE** on the Shack App, web or kiosk at checkout and 25% of the total meal purchase will be donated to The Riverview PTA.
        iii. $500 needs to be spent before they will cut a check to the PTA, so please tell everyone you know.
        iv. Sunnyside location: 46-20 Queens Blvd.
        v. Flyers will be distributed soon.

10. <u>COMMITTEE REPORT - SPECIAL OLYMPICS</u>

a. Riverview has a new athletic director, Coach Frank Lonigro. If parents/students are interested in participating, please contact Coach Lonigro at FLinigro@schools.nyc.gov.
b. The PTA is also fundraising to support the students and families attending the sports events (lunch, snacks, drinks).

11. COMMITTEE REPORT - EVENTS
    a. Summer Movie Night - July 2026
    b. Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 23 at Main Site 777
        i. We need TRUNK volunteers. Reach out if you would like to reserve a spot for your vehicle
    c. Spring Carnival - Saturday, April TBD
        i. We will have a Carnival Planning committee to plan the event and organize volunteers
    d. Multicultural Night Committee - Friday, May 21.
        i. This event will be in collaboration with the school administration
        ii. We will be organizing a planning committee soon.

12. NEW BUSINESS (Rebecca Moran, Co-President)
    a. How to apply for NYC ID and handicap parking permits
    b. Forms are available on the PTA website at How To's & Permit Apps
    c. A parent asked about high school students getting a second school ID since doctors offices and some NYC institutions (libraries, museums, zoos) ask if students have ID.
        i. AP Kathryn Perafan said it would not be a problem to issue a second ID. Interim Acting AP Leanne Bolson offered to follow up as well.

13. GUEST SPEAKER - New Assistant Principals
    a. Interim Acting Assistant Principals introduced themselves
        i. Leane Bolson - 78 and 290
        ii. Michael Muldoon - 485, grew up in Ridgewood
        iii. Mabel Rodriguez - 404, open to tours for transitioning students

14. OPEN DISCUSSION (Vanessa Alayon, Co-President)
    a. Busing Issues? Extra support is available through PIST NYC (Parents to Improve School Transportation)
        i. https://www.pistnyc.org
        ii. PIST NYC | Facebook
    b. PIST NYC, is a network of parents, bus drivers, bus paras and bus attendants. They can provide additional support to troubleshoot issues with your child's

route. They also can help escalate issues higher up in OPT. If you would like to get involved with their advocacy work please reach out to them.

c. Parents can also contact the Citywide Council for District 75 (CCD75): https://www.ccd75.org/busing
d. OPT (Office for Pupil Transportation) Complaint Line: Call **(718) 392-8855** (Monday to Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM).

15. GUEST SPEAKER - Principal Beale
    a. Discussed Read Aloud Book bundle distributed at Fam Fest. If families did not receive a book bundle they can contact their Unit Coordinator.
    b. PBIS Kick Off and Pep Rally on Friday, October 2.
    c. New Attendance initiative - Mystery Attendance Day
        i. Each month, classes with 100% attendance on the mystery day will win a prize. The mystery day will be announced on the last day of the month.
        ii. September Mystery Attendance day was September 23. Average attendance was 88%. 31 classes with 100%. The students in those classes won a Riverview inflatable football.
    d. Trunk or Treat at the Main Site (777) Friday, October 23.
    e. Principal Beale answered a number of questions from parents regarding missing student belongings, transfers to sites closer to home, ABA hours in school and accepting nominations for sub paras.

16. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm