

THE RIVERVIEW SCHOOL (P277Q)
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
March 11th, 2026 at 6:30 PM

1. **ATTENDEES** 20 attendees
2. **WELCOME** - Rebecca Moran
3. **MEETING MINUTES** - Rebecca Moran
 - a. February 2026 meeting minutes were shared. Motion to accept the minutes made by Arlene Soto. Motion seconded by Heather Sciacca.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Heather Sciacca
 - a. TD Bank balance as of March 11, 2026: \$6797.17, with a pending deposit from fundraisers of \$532.00. Total after deposit: \$7329.17
 - b. Some bills need to be paid but this is the current balance.
 - c. Motion to accept financial report made by Arlene Soto. Motion seconded Ivery Taylor.
5. **UPDATE on Staff Changes at 277Q**- Rebecca Moran
 - a. Assistant Principal Jenna O'Shaughnessy has left Riverview and will be the principal for two new D75 standardized high schools opening in Queens Fall 2026. One will be in Jamaica, the other in Astoria.
 - b. We also have two new Assistant Principals: Kevin McElroy (404 & 19) and Reina Black (322). There has been a little bit of a shift, but updates on who is AP for each site is on the school website.
6. **Special Report - Sad News** - Heather Sciacca and Ingrid Calceido-Guzman (translated in Spanish) & Rebecca Moran
 - a. A student at 290 unexpectedly passed away. To support his classmates, staff and teachers, the PTA purchased teddy bears for the kids and flowers and cookies for teachers and staff. Some members of the executive board attended the service. Special bereavement bears were given to the student's siblings. The kids sent some thank you cards for the support.
 - b. Counselors will be going into the classrooms to support the students and staff.
 - c. The executive board did not make a prior motion to approve the expense however, there is a stipulation that allows it to spend up to \$200 in an emergency. (RM)
 - d. A motion was made to allow reimbursement for the expenses. (RM)
 - e. Motion approved by vote in chat. 16 yes. 4 abstain.
7. **SLT MEETING REPORT** - Vanessa Alayon
 - a. SLT meeting was held on March 10, 2026 at 12 pm @ 777
 - b. The SLT welcomed the new chairperson AP Kevin McElroy. He opened the meeting with a re-emphasis on Riverview's mission statement: "277Q's instruction focus is to EmP.O.W.E.R. 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. Upcoming visits

- i. 777 will host Districts 4 and 5 on March 12 for their literacy curriculum development
- ii. Jason Borges, founding principal of Central Brooklyn Literacy Academy (CBLA) will be visiting 777 on March 30th to observe best practices in literacy.
- iii. The new Chancellor, Kamar Samuels will also be visiting in late March

d. Summer School - July 1st - August 14th for staff, July 3rd/July 6th - August 14th for students

- i. Site 404 will host students from 404, 419, 311 and 258
- ii. Site 485 will host students from 485
- iii. Site 322 will host students from 322
- iv. Site 78 will host students from 78, 76, 777, 315
- v. Site 245 will host students from 245 and 290
- vi. Students return to school September 8th

e. The budget is closed however more literacy materials have already been ordered and are in process of being distributed. Money has also been set aside for field day.

f. School surveys have gone out by mail, but they will also be backpacked. A digital version will also be available. AP Kevin McElroy will discuss the school surveys and the new Parent Square app at the PTA meeting

g. The PTA requested support from the administration regarding translation and/or interpretation services during monthly PTA zoom meetings.

h. PS 76 celebrated the 50th Anniversary of I.D.E.A. on March 4th. A short film created by 277Qs John Casem was screened. The short will be released to the wider community soon, pending copyright clearance.

i. Graduation Dates

- i. May 29th Kindergarten @ 78
- ii. June 16th 5th Grade @ 404
- iii. June 17th 8th Grade @ 404
- iv. June 18th Seniors @ 404

j. You OTTER Know - Upcoming Event

- March 12 Parent Teacher Conferences for 404, 419
- March 18 Parent Teacher Conferences for 322
- March 18 Parent Teacher Conferences for 485 evening 5-7pm
- March 19 Parent Teacher Conferences for 485 1-3 pm
 - Half day for students
- March 20 No school - Eid-al-Fitr
- March 24 STEM Fair @ 311
- March 26 Student of the month @ 76
- April 2 - April 10 No School - Spring Recess
- April 14 SLT meeting 9 am at 78
- April 15 PTA meeting 6:30 pm

8. PARENT COORDINATOR REPORT- Lisandra Aviles

a. Upcoming Workshops

- i. March Parent Workshop on Travel Training Program: March 13, 2026

Via Zoom at 12 pm.

- b. Parent Retreat in partnership with 177Q if you are interested scan QR code and fill out the survey. Space is still available for the parent retreat in NJ. Buses will leave Woodside at 7am to get to site at 8:30 am. Enjoy a day of team building and hiking. Food and Tshirts will be provided.
- c. School Surveys are out. Please fill them out. It gives the school important feedback on areas for improvement. Due April 1st. Fill out a paper form or do it online. If you need any help please contact parent coordinator

9. COMMITTEE REPORT - YOU OTTER KNOW!

a. **EVENTS** - Rebecca Moran

i. **Parents Night Out!** Saturday Feb 21

- 1. Dinner at Mad for Chicken in Flushing and Karaoke. Lots of fun. We hope to do it again.

ii. **Spring Carnival (Saturday, May 16, 2026)**

- 1. We had our first committee meeting on January 21st for brainstorming. Some fun ideas came out
- 2. The next meeting is March 19th at 6:30 pm. Everything needs to be finalized and we need volunteers.
- 3. Field Day! Volunteers needed.

b. **FUNDRAISERS**- Rebecca Moran

- i. **Online Store** - Please visit our online store for uniforms and merch. Option to pay via Zelle, credit card or cash. We prefer Zelle because it makes things for us easier. We will not be collecting paper order forms.

- 1. **SONY Athletic Merch** - All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for SONY events

- 2. **Neurodiversity Walk & TShirts** - All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the spring carnival. Prior year designs will also be available for purchase.

c. **Shake Shack Fundraiser**

- i. Shake Shack hosts Donation Days from open to close and aims to work with our schedule. They will help get the word out, and provide you with a custom digital flyer and social media assets which we can use to promote the fundraiser to our community.
- ii. Shake Shack offers 25% donation days to help maximize the impact for our community partners.
- iii. A motion was made to vote on approving the fundraiser. Voting via chat. Motion approved.

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e. Parent Square- Lisandra Aviles

- i. The Parent Coordinator discussed the Parent Square app.
 1. It is a new communication app being used by every school and the district to communicate with parents. A big communication hub to keep everything in one location.
 2. Teachers, admin, parent coordinator and staff will be able to communicate with parents in one app. Information, flyers can be posted. You can also share photos, files and send messages. It works the same as Class Dojo.
 3. Messages from the district will also be shared via Parent Square. It will also be used for things like permission slips and surveys
 4. The app can be downloaded from the apple or android store. Once downloaded, put in your information and the teacher will send a link to connect you to the classroom.
 5. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to the parent coordinator.
 6. Class Dojo may or may not get phased out. Currently they are leaving it to schools to decide whether to keep Class Dojo or not. Best to download Parent Square now to get ahead of things if Class Dojo is no longer used.

10. NEW BUSINESS - Rebecca Moran

- a. Elections are coming up.
 - i. New Executive Board Elections for President or Co-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. A new position of Financial Secretary may be created pending an update to the bylaws.
 - ii. We will also have elections for 1 SLT seat.

11. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Rebecca Moran discussed issues with snow removal at 404 and 419. Encouraged parents to anonymously contact 311 to report cars blocking access to the schools especially during the days after a big snowstorm.
- b. The deadline for the Summer Youth Employment Program is coming up on March 13th. If you have a 14 or 15 year old who would like to get some work experience this summer please contact Ann Alvarez. Students get paid with no disruption to OPWDD.
- c. Money is still being accepted for graduation. Send it to the Unit Coordinator.
- d. The bus is automatically assigned for summer school once summer school attendance form is submitted.
- e. If parents have issues with students not showing up on NYCSA please contact the parent coordinator.
- f. A parent asked if it was possible to get students swimming lessons, starting at 5 years. She found it was very helpful for her child to get lessons at a young age. Rebecca Moran stated its difficult to arrange due to so many students and sites and hard to find a swimming pool to host. Suggested using OPWDD to fund private swim lessons.

- g. A parent also asked about field trips during summer school. She would like to see more field trips and let the kids out a bit more than last summer. Rebecca Moran stated field trips depend on teachers and weather. The issue will be brought up with the admin.
- h. Ms Christine will be the UC for 322 for 6 weeks.

12. MEETING ADJOURNED

- a. Call to end the meeting. Motion to adjourn made by Rebecca Moran. Motion seconded by Arlene Soto.
- b. The next meeting will be April 15th at 6:30pm.
 - i. If you have anything you would like to discuss at the next meeting, please contact us via email, text, Whatsapp, ClassDojo, etc.
- c. The meeting ended at 7:55pm.

The meeting was virtual, conducted and recorded via ZOOM.