Queens Gateway PTA General Meeting
March 25, 2026
Minutes

1. **Meeting Called to Order: By** Dr. Ramkissoon at 6:32 pm

PTA Officers in Attendance: Dr. Keshwar Ramkissoon, President, Tolisha Monday, Recording Secretary, Leanna Roberts, Treasurer, Christopher Murray, Vice-President, Erica Brooks, Corresponding Secretary, Vivienne Corlette, Financial Secretary

2. **Welcome- PTA President**
   Dr. Keshwar Ramkissoon welcomed parents and guardians. Dr. Ramkissoon mentioned that there was some difference in the parking during arrival and dismissal times. Dr. Ramkissoon asked that parents please be mindful of the students walking and where parents park their cars.

3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
   Ms. Monday presented February 2026, PTA meeting minutes. Ms. Roberts made a motion that the minutes be approved, Dr. Ramkissoon second the motion and minutes were approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report**
   Ms. Roberts stated that the PTA had a Concession Stand Fundraiser at the Black History Showcase. The PTA made $200.00 in sales and $100.00 in donations for a total of $300.00. This will make the total in the PTA treasury $1363.00. The $300.00 will be donated to the Senior Class of 2026. The check will be given to Ms. Wills next week.

5. **Principal's – Report**
   Ms. Henry stated that the 8th graders had their Macaron Day Sale Fundraiser, and it was the first time they were fundraising during the school day hours.
   Ms. Henry said that tutoring was going on for the month of March. ELA teacher Ms. Carter-Campbell is working with grades 6-7, Math teacher Mr. Joanidhi is working grades 6-7, and ELA teacher Ms. Hemas is working with the 8th grade. Ms. Henry stated the Regents Prep and AP tutoring will begin in April. Ms. Henry sent well wishes to those celebrating the Passover, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.
   Ms. Henry said any student that received a zero in Ms. Prince's Spanish class, that was an error. Ms. Prince will be sending Ms. Henry her grades and those students will receive a brand-new report card.

6. **School Leadership Team (SLT) Report**
   Ms. Roberts stated that the board was asked to adopt a policy banning long finer nails. The board did not feel comfortable about such a policy and decided not to adopt it. Mr. Wilson is the new English teacher for Ms. Turner's class.

7. **Title 1 Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Report**
   Mr. Murray stated that the first Title I Workshop will be on Thursday, April 16, 2026, @ 6pm. The title of the workshop is "Understanding Conflict" and this workshop will be virtual. The CPR workshop will be on April 30, 2026. The CPR Workshop will be in person. A Jupiter message will be sent out to parents to RSVP for the workshop.

8. **Chat with Teachers**

   ELA teacher MS. Carter-Campbell explained that the ELA exam is broken into 3 parts: multiple choice, short response, and extended response questions. Ms. Carter-Campbell said students are working in their I Ready books. She stated that suggestive work will be sent out over the break, and she encouraged parents to have their scholars spend 20-30 minutes a day doing the work. The day before the exam, make sure scholars get a good night's rest, have breakfast the next morning and bring a book to read, and that their devices are fully charged. Ms. Carter-Campbell that if a child is absent for the ELA or Math State Exam to reach out to AP Rucker or AP Antoine to reschedule them to take the makeup exam.

   Ms. Hemas said she counted it a privilege to work with our children and echoed that work will be given out during the break. Ms. Hemas encouraged parents to send their scholars to afternoon tutoring with her, Monday-Thursday, from 3-4 pm in room 203.

9. **Presentation by Relume Foundation Inc.**
   Ms. Carene Fortune spoke about tutoring services for grades 3-12, SAT Prep, and Community Service.

10. **Q and A Wrap Up**
    Ms. Henry was told that in the morning an 8th grade student did not have their ID and the student was giving a form to fill out to purchase a new ID at the cost of $ 5.00. It was stated that the paper was pushed into the child's chest. Ms. Henry stated that students must have their ID especially if they get stopped on the street because some of our students look like fully grown adults, and this will let the authorities know that they are a NYC Public School Student. Ms. Henry said if a student loses their ID, there is a $5.00 fee to replace it. Ms. Henry said she would talk to the agent about said incident.

11. **Nomination Committee-** The members of the Nomination Committee are Dr. Shadia Moustapha, Chairperson, and committee members Prarthna Ramkissoon, and Sheldon Corlette. The flyer from the nomination committee will be sent out next week via Jupiter.

12. **Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: **Tolisha Monday, Recording Secretary**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, in-person at 6:30pm

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