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Mr. Sylvia gave some opening remarks, and introduced Brian LaRoche from PCA 360, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Erin Perkins.

Brian LaRoche

Brian works for PCA360, the project management team responsible for the new school. Brian's a Quincy resident, and also worked on the DiChristofaro Learning Center, and SouthWest Middle School.

Brian gave a presentation on the current status and future details of the new school project.

A few highlights from his presentation include:

- Granite City Partners is running the utility project for DPW in preparation for the new school.
- During construction, safety will be prioritized, and there will be good physical separation between the work area and the 1971 building.
- As of today we are in the last phase of design.
- May & June is modular classroom prep.
- Through the summer, they will be constructing / retrofitting the Media Center to be a multipurpose area during next year's school year.
- There will be a widened Mayflower Road, and a new Winslow Road will have space to accommodate parents & parking.
- The baseball diamond will be sized for little league T-ball.
- The two large pin oaks in front of the gym will be preserved.
- There will be no utility poles along the frontage of the new school. Utilities will be underground in that area.

Brian then displayed a blueprint of the school plan and reviewed several features of the new building. Slides can be found here <https://squantumschool.com/>

Answers to some parent questions:

- School concerts during the construction will most likely be at an auditorium in another school (per Mr. Sylvia).
- The new building will qualify as a Resiliency Shelter which has less requirements than an Emergency Shelter. NQHS is an Emergency Shelter.
- During construction, gym class will likely be in the retrofitted Media Center or outside, but other accommodations are possible.
- Rodent extermination is part of the construction plan.

- Interior design details are underway.
- There are plans to preserve the walkway bricks.

Mr. Sylvia

- Save the Date: Ashley Bergin is coordinating a Math Night on February 13.
- Thank you to the PTO or your support of families around the Holidays.
- Lunar New Year has a PTO-sponsored event and will have an assembly next week.
- January is Mindfulness Month.
- Thank you for catering a meal for the teachers during Report Card conferences.
- 5th graders are going to a leadership summit.
- Thank you to Bruce Ayers for your work on the Toy Drive.
- The staff is busy this week scheduling MCAS dates.
- Request: renewal of subscription (at 50% off) for online educational SaaS program. Request was seconded and approved.

President Update (Kim)

- Random Acts of Kindness day is February 17. We will celebrate when we get back from break. The group discussed a charity to donate to. Jenelle will look into what we spent last year.
- Looking for ideas for a winter assembly (paint night, science assembly in past years). Maybe a dance?

This led to a discussion about having a final event in the gym in the spring, towards the end of the year. This would be the last gathering the gym is used for before it comes down.

The group also realized that Field Day is in jeopardy due to construction out back. So this year we're looking for a new winter event and a new end-of-year event.

- In February we usually have Penguin Pizza. Details will be worked out.
- Read Across America Week starts March 2nd.
- The Disney Raffle will be held March 14-31.

Treasurers' Update (Jenelle & Lauren)

- Current balance \$36,609
 - Holding \$2,183 in bake sale funds for fifth graders
 - Funds that went out include: Fasano's, BJ's, teacher Christmas expenses, gingerbread supplies
 - We've received \$6,918 in from dues
 - \$69.60 in from Bay State Textiles. The bin is no longer out back due to the construction. Atlantic Middle School is nearby and has a clothes bin.
 - Thank you for the \$1,000 donation from Mayor Koch
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- Jenelle asked when she should start the 5th grade yearbook project. Right about now. The group discussed some details about how to get started and Kim will follow up with further details for Jenelle.

City-wide Update (Erin)

CityWide PTO meeting:

- Made a statement on Lunar New Year and thanked for support
- Bernazzani PTO is doing cornhole tournament

Open Questions

We reviewed where all the engraved bricks are going, and discussed the possibility of selling more bricks.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th.