



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
General PTA Meeting
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025, 9:00am Hybrid**

Executive Board Attendees: Lauren Fiore, Liz Oved, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Sally Shin, Courtney Grant, Emily Skurnik, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Genie Chow, Masha Hoffman, Iris Fitzgerald,

Administration: Sharon Chung Principal I.A., Marie Sun AP, Brendan Beseda AP, Sara Lise Raff, Bethany Trench

Zoom Attendee Count: 38, In Person Attendee Count: 35

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Liz Oved called the meeting to order at 9:03am

Minutes - Liz announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting June 12, 2025. Approved by Alison and seconded by Noah

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Teachers Update
- Parent Coordinators Update
- Presidents Report
- Fundraising & Committee Report
- Treasurers Report
- Q&A

Admin Update:

Sharon Chung Principal I.A

- Introduced admin and welcomed new teachers
- Lots of new teachers since small class size initiative was met
- Main communication is through Konstella/email.
- Discussed the importance of kindness/inclusiveness.
- Thank you to the custodial team who helped set up the school after Summer Rising finished, teachers who helped set up classrooms, Liz and Lauren for all their hard work, to Phoebe and Bethany - UFT reps, to all the families for volunteering.
- Thank you to Marie and Brendan for their help with making it a smooth transition and to the learners for their hardwork and kindness.

Marie Sun VP

- Introduction
- Disc the school curriculum and program used in classrooms
- Explained the enrichment programs offered at school that the PTA provides (NDI K,1,4 Ballet Hispanio grades 2,3 NY Philharmonic grades 3-5, Center for Architecture grades 2-5, Chess grades K-5, Sunworks grades K-5, Community Reading K-2,4-5, and field trips.

Brenden Beseda VP

- Introduction
- Discussed the health & safety protocol, wellness policy - please notify school if child has a contagious illness to prevent spread

- Cellphone policy disc - classrooms have pouches for students to place smart watches/phones in and can retrieve at the end of the day. If you need to get in touch with your child, please contact school
- School safety plan - disc and passed out parent guide, disc school safety committee and the general response protocol

Teacher Update: Bethany Trench

- Thank you to the PTA for all their support - the start up funds for the classes this year, the enrichment programs.
- Curriculum Night was a success, nice to see so many parents, would like to continue in-person curriculum night.
- Small class sizes have been met.
- Disc importances of para-professionals and need to support them, can write to city council members to push need for support

Parent Coordinator Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Lost and Found
- Emergency and family income inquiry forms need to be filled out
- Explained NYCSA and Myschools accounts
- Arrival/dismissal policies reviewed

Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz

- Thank you all, great start to the school year.
- Welcome new teachers/staff
- Thank you to those who organized the welcome back breakfast, back to school picnics, curriculum night dinner for teachers, coffee for new families
- EB Board Introductions
- Explained what the PTA is and the goal of the PTA
- Elections for vacant positions will be held Oct 16 @6 pm
- Disc the PTA funds are used for enrichment programs, field trips, classroom supplies, work books, rugs, air conditioners, chromebooks, smartboards, classroom start up funds, teacher appreciation, community events.
- Family Giving was explained. A PS 199 Family would like to match donations to \$10,000 this month!

Fundraising Update: Stephaine and Gaia

- Upcoming Events
 - Fall Festival - Oct 25
 - Bake Sale - Nov 4
 - Book Fair - Nov 17-21
- Proposed Events
 - Knicks/Magic game @ City Tavern Nov 22. Tickets will be \$65 and the school will receive \$15 from each ticket sold. Each ticket will include beverages and appetizers.
 - Yankees game in the spring date TBD.

Stephanie asked for a motion to approve events. Approved by Alison and seconded by Courtney

- Volunteers needed for Fall Fest
- Garden Event is next Sunday. Wondersparks puppet theater will be there. Committee and volunteers needed
- Check Konstella or the PTA website for site for committees and volunteering opportunities.
- Calendar of events will be on Konstella, newsletter and website

Finance Update: Sally

- Disc importance of being transparent and how to look at the reports
- Please have events pre-approved for budgeting purposes and submit electronically for reimbursement.
- Disc importance of family giving, gala and corporate matching.
- Will reapprove the budget at the next meeting.
- Liz asked for a motion to approve the change of the Classroom Startup Fund from \$8000 to \$8,450. Approved by Stephanie and seconded by Genie

Q&A/Other Business

- A question was raised asking why 3rd graders aren't receiving library this year due to budget concerns. Disc that the librarian is part time and with more classes, the school is looking at a way to accommodate all classes. 3rd graders will be able to access the library in small groups.
- Parent asked about book donations to the library - recommended its best to contact Ms.Arancio
- Next EB Meeting is Friday, October 10 at 9 am
- Next General PTA Meeting/Elections/Budget is Thursday, October 16 at 6pm (zoom)
- Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtnay Grant on Sept 19,, 2025