



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC  
Executive Board PTA Meeting  
October 10, 2025, 9:00am Hybrid**

**Executive Board Attendees:** Lauren Fiore, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Sally Shin, Courtney Grant, Sarah Najarian, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Genie Chow, Masha Hoffman, Iris Fitzgerald

**Other PTA Members:** Anne Bucciarelli

**Administration:** Brendan Beseda V.P., Phoebe Hanshew

Zoom Attendee Count: 1 (Abhishek Khandelwal)

**Welcome and Call to Order:** PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

- Garden event was great, kids loved the puppet show and planting
- Costume and Candy Collection this morning successful
- Bake Sale - Kala and Emily are co-chairs, more info soon
- Thank you treasurers for all their hard work

**Minutes** - Lauren announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting September 12, 2025.

Approved by Sarah and seconded by Genie

**Agenda Items:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Teacher Update
- Calendar of Events
- Committees & Volunteers
- Finance Update
- Communications
- Save the Dates/ Other Business

**Teacher Update: Phoebe Hanshew**

- Everything has been great and everyone is very content
- Thank you to the PTA for all the support and help with submitting reimbursements digitally

**Admin Update: Brendan Beseda V.P.**

- Thank you PTA for the support with the school community, kids are engaged and learning
- Ms. Chung wants to say thank you for the support
- Discussed upcoming school need:
  - 3rd floor copier and color printer
  - Laptops for staff, more staff this year due to small class sizes

- Smartboard warranties are coming up and may need support in future for new/repairs, disc reaching out to Gale Brewer for grant opportunities.
- New staff is being provided with support, Professional Development. Will need funds to support this

### **Calendar of Events**

- Family Giving Campaign
- Costume Swap 10/10 & 10/17
- Fall Festival - Saturday Oct 25
- Bake Sale - Tuesday Nov 4
- Book Fair - Nov 17-21
- Knicks @ City Tavern Nov 22

### **President's Update: Lauren**

- Thank you Sara for the Class Parents kick off meeting
- Attended D3PC and Southern District Working Group this month, all links are posted on the Google Drive
- Increased focus on connections and support between PTAs, SLTs, and CECs. CEC3 Presidents shared tips on Participatory Budgeting at last D3PC meeting

### **Committees & Volunteers**

- Would like to have a committee chair to PTA meetings, discussed trying to have committee chairs set before the end of the school year.
- Disc importance of documenting what committees have been doing to make transition between terms more seamless

### **Community Cares Community: Anne**

- How to increase interest in volunteers - can put a note in newsletter to check committee openings
- The committee is on track for 1 event per month through Apr. disc since most events are dropping items off, shouldn't be too overwhelming for school community
- Upcoming events include Coat/boot drive to coincide with the JCC, Toy Drive, book drive, Ronald McDonald House
- Will talk with Ms. Schuleman re:sustainability collection

### **Fundraising Update: Stephanie and Gaia**

- Fall Fest tickets will be distributed soon
- Volunteers needed
- No inflatables at this year's fall fest, will be replaced with lots of crafts, food crafts and games.
- Thank you Gregg (Sports & Stuff) for helping sponsor the event.
- Thank you to other sponsors - OMNE Martial Arts, Color Me Mine, Trader Joe's and Wonder

### **Treasurer's Report: Sally and Abhishek**

- Explained payment for enrichment programs is made in the summer and that's why it's a negative number
- Encouraged Family Giving, discussed having class parents help send out info
- September expenses are the teacher start up funds, maintenance (printer ink, coffee machines etc)

#### **Communications - Sarah**

- Weekly PTA Update now being sent out
- Encourage people to scroll newsletter for important info

#### **Save the Dates/Other Business**

- Upcoming General PTA Meetings
  - Thursday, Oct 16 6pm (zoom - elections) 5 PALS + 1 SLT Position open
  - Thursday Nov 20 6pm (Cafeteria)
- Next EB Meeting - Friday Nov 7 9am
- Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant on Oct 10, 2025