



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC**  
**General PTA Meeting**  
**November 20, 2025, 6:00pm Hybrid**

**Executive Board Attendees:** Lauren Fiore, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Courtnay Grant, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Sweta Merchant, Sarah Najarian, Abhishek Khandelwal, Sally Shin, Matthew Williams, Arthur Dembro, Emily Skurnik

**Administration:** Sharon Chung Principal I.A. , Brendan Beseda A.P., Sara Lise Raff, Bethany Trench

Zoom Attendee Count: 39~

In person - 7

**Welcome and Call to Order:** PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

**Minutes** - Lauren announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting October 16, 2025. Approved by Sweta and seconded by Courtnay

**Agenda Items:**

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

**Admin Update**

**Sharon Chung Principal I.A.**

- Thank you to everyone for attending tonight's meeting
- Disc upcoming events - Spirit Day tomorrow, Knicks game at City Tavern, Make up photo day is Nov 24, Thanksgiving Break is Nov 27/28.
- Report cards will be available Dec 11 - please make sure your NYCSA account is set up.
- Goals for PS199 school year were discussed - assessments and data driven supports, Black Studies curriculum, Wit and Wisdom - modifying lessons towards student-centered learning mentoring support for new members of the PS199 community.
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) was reviewed (universal, targeted and intensive)
- Field trip, NDI, Architecture, Philharmonic and chess photos were shown - thank you PTA for the continued support.

**Teacher Update: Bethany Trench**

- Book fair was amazing - thank you!
- Para respect check hearing was last week, have support from council members, vote is in December

**Parent Coordinator Update: Sara Lise Raff**

- Thank you volunteers and explained how important the volunteers are to the community. Without volunteers, we cannot have events.

- Lost and Found will be cleared out on Wednesday
- Explained the importance of being at school on time and organized, if your child is having a tough morning, please reach out to teachers so they can help!
- Report cards are coming so set up NYCSA

**Presidents Update: Lauren**

- Welcome and thank you everyone for joining tonight's meeting
- Have had some amazing events - costume swap, bake sale, pie sale, coat drive, parents as partners and book fair
- Thank you volunteers

**Fundraising Update: Stephaine**

- Thank you to everyone for volunteering at the fall fest to make it a success - Sports and stuff for providing crafts and staff to help keep kids busy, Evolve, Color Me Mine, Shuttle Club, Omne, Trader Joes, Spring Lake Daycamp, Wonder.
- Book Fair is on right now in library - can shop online until Nov 27
- Knicks vs Magic game at City Tavern this Saturday

**Community Cares Committee: Sweta**

- Thank you everyone for participating in the coat drive - 12 large bags were delivered to the JCC
- Next event is Dec 10 - Toy Drive. More details will be available in the newsletter

**Financial Report: Sally**

- Income so far is at 15% of our goal
- Family giving is up to 28% - Kindergarten is in the lead with 3rd grade in a close second!
- Fall Fest net \$6600!
- PTA funded projects - operating costs (supplies, books and office equipment), enrichment and residency programs

**Q&A/Other Business**

- Mark your calendars
  - Giving Tuesday - Dec 2
  - Broadway Night - Jan 25 at 2pm
  - Wine Night - Feb 26
  - Gala - March 27 6-9:30 - theme is 'Party Like It's(199)9'!
- Next General PTA Meeting is Thursday, December 11 at 9am (hybrid)
- Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm
- Minutes prepared by Courtnay Grant on November 23, 2025