



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC  
PTA General Meeting  
December 11, 2025, 9:00 am Hybrid**

**Executive Board Attendees:** Lauren Fiore, Liz Oved, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Courtney Grant, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Sweta Merchant, Sarah Najarian, Abhishek Khandelwal, Sally Shin, Matthew Williams, Iris Fitzgerald

**Attendance in person: 13 zoom: 26**

**Administration:** Marie Sun, Brendan Beseda, Sara Lise Raff.

**Welcome and Call to Order:** PTA Co-President Liz Oved called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

**Minutes** - Liz announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting November 20, 2025. Approved by Courtney and seconded by Ali.

**Agenda Items:**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Presidents Report
- Fundraising/Committee Reports
- Treasurers Report
- Q&A

**Admin Update**

**Marie Sun - A.P**

- Report cards are out now!
- Safety update - vaccinations are encouraged, reminder about handwashing. Please dress appropriate for weather.
- Friday school will have a soft lock down drill.
- Outreach for new teachers is ongoing
- 3rd grade arrival procedures - please line up at assigned numbers and not near the doors to avoid congestion.
- 1st grade families were recently invited into classes for "Math, Games and Family Day" where students were the teachers are taught their adults what they have learned in math so far.
- K-5 have completed their class charters, disc importance of sharing a common language.
- Teachers have completed part of the MTSS for Black Studies Curriculum and will start that in the new year
- The school has been approved for new lighting in the building and that work has already started.

**Sara Lise Raff - Parent Coordinator**

- Thank you to all the volunteers who help around the school!
- Check the lost and found, everything will be cleared away next week.
- Report cards are out
- Kindergarten registration has opened up, reminder we do not offer tours.
- Disc in person vs message to ask questions, sometimes pick up/drop off isn't that best time.
- Thank you Lauren Weigel for driving out to collect all the pies for the 5th Grade Pie Sale

**Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz**

- Welcome everyone!
- Congrats to Ms. Chung, she is officially the new principal!

- Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Bake Sale, Book Fair, Knicks @ City Tavern, Coat Drive, 5th grade pie sales, toy drive and Giving Tuesday!
- Discussed upcoming calendar
  - Dec 10-12 Toy Drive
  - Dec 11 PTA meeting hybrid
  - Dec 19 Spirit Day
  - Dec 24-Jan 2 Winter Break
  - Jan 25 Broadway Night (tickets go on sale Monday Dec 15)
  - Jan 30 Movie Night
  - Feb 26 Wine Night (will be held at 70th/Broadway)

### Committee Updates

#### 5th Grade Committee:

- 5th Grade Pie Sale is complete
- Julie Lamb is working on grad sweaters

#### Fundraising Update: Stephaine, Ali and Gaia

- The Book Fair was a huge success. Final fundraising total won't be available until Scholastic finishes their side of accounting. Should be about \$5000! Received feedback and will look at having more chapter books vs graphic novels for older grades next year. Classic novel selection was very well received this year. Thank you to Ms. Arancio for opening the library and for her help!
- Knicks Event at City Tavern - \$625 plus 25% of sales. Families had a great time! Thank you to City Tavern for hosting!
- School Pop-up Store will happen Monday-Friday next week in the lobby from 8:50-10:30 - stop by!

#### Community Cares Committee: Sweta

- Toy Drive is Dec 10-12 - Toys are going to All Of Us Clothing
- Thank you to everyone who donated to the coat drive.

#### Financial Report: Sally

- Family giving YTD is 35% of the annual goal!
- Corporate Match is up \$7400
- Bake Sale \$6300
- 5th Grade Pie Sale \$2900
- Total Expenses for November is \$7000 (school operating costs, Field Trips, 5th Grade Pie Sale)
- Giving Tuesday total was \$20,000!
- Upcoming expenses will be for the enrichment programs in January

#### Q&A/Other Business

- Next General PTA Meeting is Thursday, January 22 at 6pm
- Meeting adjourned at 9:36 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtnay Grant on December 11, 2025