



THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
General PTA Meeting
MARCH 19, 2026, 9:00am Hybrid

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

Administration: Sharon Chung, Sara Lise Raff

Zoom Attendee Count: 46

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Minutes - Liz announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting February 27, 2026. Approved by Sally and seconded by Emily

Agenda Items:

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

Admin Update:

Sharon Chung, Principal

- No school for Eid this Friday, March 20
- School Gala March 27
- Spring Recess coming up April 2 - 10
- State Exams are April 15/16 this
- School gala this next week. It is the school's largest event and fundraiser. Funds raised go directly to the enrichment programs and explain the importance of these programs to our students' learning.
- Reso A grant has been submitted - haven't heard back yet, but hope to soon.
- Ms. Schuleman won the "Realize The Dream" grant and won a grant for a 3d printer!
- Please welcome Nurse Lauren Mcnaughton
- School Food Team won an award for the cleanest kitchen in D3
- Sesame Street had selected the school to film some segments, filming will take place over Spring Break
- Safety Updates:
 - Children must be at school on time, school starts at 8:30.
 - 2 safety drills have taken place, 2 more will be completed by June
 - Playground area has some ground tiles were damaged with snow removal, cones are placed at recess but please be careful after school
- Teachers have been prepping for BSC on Mondays PD's, Kids have been studying images, coding and writing letters for BSC
- Southern District working group is moving towards NY Inspires - new graduation requirements, changes expected to happen 2027/2028. The school has already implemented some of these new requirements.

Parent Coordinator Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Please fill in the school surveys, we need 85% participation, explained the importance of the survey
- Parents as Parents on March 6 about independence was a wonderful conversation. The next one is May 22.
- Lateness - too many kids are consistently late and also not being picked up on time.
- Absence - there is no "excused" absence - if your child is not at school, they are absent.
- Noticing - commented on how efficient drop off has been going and how kind the goodbyes between siblings/families have been

Special Presentation: Natalia Mesa

- Thank you for the opportunity for this partnership, have been very happy, would love to continue it next year
- disc the history of Ballet Hispanico and the different dance styles they have been teaching to the students

Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz

- Welcome everyone
- Upcoming events (check website for most up-to-date events!)
 - March 27 - Gala
 - April 19 - Yankees Game
 - April 25 - Garden Event
 - April 30 - Culture Night
 - May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 17 - Spring 5k
 - June 13 - Garden Event
 - June 14 - Spring Carnival

Gala Committee: Shari

- We need to sell 28-30 more tickets to cover the cost of the venue.
- Gala Project Museum will be open Monday for families to view
- Silent Auction will open on Tuesday - auction closes night of gala
- A lot of local businesses have sponsored the gala so please support them! - a list will be shared

Fundraising Committee: Gaia

- Yankees Game April 19, 3 tickets left, please let Gaia or Stephanie know by March 24 if more are needed. School received \$25 of each ticket sale
- Spring Carnival is June 14 - volunteers needed!

Financial Committee: Sally

- February Rev \$37.4K
- We are currently behind in our fundraising goal, we are at 72% of the annual goal
- Wine Night rev - \$3.2k
- Broadway Night - \$8.4k
- 5th Grade - \$12.7K
- February Expenses - \$12k (field trips, school operating expenses)
- Slides were presented showing where all the money goes

Garden Committee: Alfred

- Spring transplanting event will be April 25, students have been busy growing plants in the classroom

Culture Committee: Sarah

- Culture Fair will be April 30 from 5-7pm
- If you would like to come and share, please reach out to Sarah

Q&A/Other Business

- Next EB Meeting is April 17 at 9 am
- Next General PTA Meeting is Thursday, April 23 at 9am
- Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant on March 22, 2026