



THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
General PTA Meeting
May 21, 2026, 9:00am Hybrid

Executive Board Attendees: Lauren Fiore, Liz Oved, Shari Forrest, Sally Shin, Gaia Marchetti, Genie Chow, Iris Fitzgerald, Sarah Najarian,

Administration: Sharon Chung - Principal, Sara Lise Raff - Parent Coordinator

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 9:04am

Minutes - Liz announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting April 23, 2026. Approved by Liz and seconded by Gaia

Agenda Items:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Parent Coordinators Update
- Presidents Report
- Fundraising & Committee Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Q&A

Admin Update:

Sharon Chung: Principal

- Only 23 days of school left!
- Calendar Update
 - May 20 - 2nd grade Ballet Hispanico performance
 - May 25 - no school, Memorial Day
 - May 27 - no school, Eid al-Adha
 - May 29 - 4th grade NDI finale
 - June 4 - no school, Chancellors Day
 - June 5 - no school, Clerical Day
- Safety Update
 - School hours are from 8:30-2:50, please be on time
 - The last of the 12 safety drills will be conducted today
- Please fill in the family survey if you have not yet, about 50% of families have returned it.
- ELA, Math and Science state exams have been completed.
- Ms. Schuleman and the PS199 sustainability squad won a grant "Signs of the Times"
- The last Parents as Partners session will take place tomorrow
- Thank you so much for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Shared various photos of -
 - PS199 chorus concerts
 - 2nd Grade Ballet Hispanico performance
 - Ms. Schuleman and the sustainability squad on the Clearwater Sailing trip
 - Students enjoyed a performance by the Juilliard Young People's Concert
 - 5th grade at Spring Lake
 - 2nd grade Engineering golf courses
 - Aces class enjoyed a cooking class from Harlem Grown

- 5th grade learned about sustainable vs industrial cycles of food production and the importance of access to food for everyone on their trip to Harlem Grown

Parent Coordinator Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Parents as Partners - parenting in a digital age and how to navigate technology with your child
- Kindergarten registration update - Meet and Greet is June 3. Looking for buddy families.
- June 10 - Art show - volunteers needed
- June 24 - 5th grade graduation

Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz

- Welcome everyone
- Culture Fair was a huge success
- The Yankees game fundraiser was a fun and successful event
- Thank you to the Garden Committee for their Earth Day Celebration, everyone enjoyed themselves.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with Teacher Appreciation week!
- Upcoming events (check website for most up-to-date events!)
 - May 22 - Parents as Partners
 - June 13 - Garden Event
 - June 14 - Spring Carnival
 - June 17 - End of Year Picnics
- We didn't win the Participatory Budget Vote
- Beautiful day for the Spring 5k - we have 104 runners!
- Elections Update
 - Meeting Date Thursday, June 11 on zoom
 - Election Chair - Brian Grant
 - Only qualification of office is to be a parent/guardian of a child currently enrolled.
 - PTA EB Term is 1 year
 - School Leadership Team (SLT) is 2 years

Garden Committee: Alfred

- June 13 is the final event for the year.

Fundraising Committee: Gaia

- Spring Carnival is June 14 - get your tickets!

Financial Committee: Sally

- Family Giving \$7,000 - YTD \$142,000 81% of goal
- Spring Gala - \$10,500 YTD \$204,000 102% of goal!
- April expenses \$17,000 (teacher appreciation \$2,200, auction expenses \$4,700 and school operating expenses \$5,100)
- Kindergarten and 2nd grade are in the lead for Family Giving!

Budget Discussion: Liz

- Discussed the purpose of the budget and how it is decided. We will vote next month on the budget
- Showed the proposed draft and reviewed it line by line.
- Surplus in school operating costs is due to grants received this year. It was voted on by the EB to use the surplus to provide teachers with Orton Gillingham training over the summer.
- Increased Gala goal due to success of this year's event.
- Increase in enrichment, intervention and school support - hoping to increase library from 3 days to 5 days for the coming school year.

Q&A

- Garden committee has asked for an increase in the budget from \$3000 to \$5000 to cover the raising costs, more flower beds and to fund more events since the garden can be used approximately 5 months of the school year, and would like to have 5 events.

Lauren introduced a motion to increase the garden budget from \$3000 to \$5000. Approved and seconded by Liz. no questions raised when asked, poll launched, majority voted yes. Motion Carried

- A suggestion was made to pre-circulate the budget draft before the meeting so people have time to look over it and think about it before the meeting. The process was discussed - Treasurers, admin and Co-presidents meet first to disc needs, done on a condensed timeline and then presented to the EB and now today, it is open for discussion for about a month - until the vote. A parent commented on having a meeting before the vote to discuss the budget. disc that we can look at other channels for communication, right now - contacting the associated email addresses is the best way for discussion
- An SLT member mentioned that the SLT and sustainability squad are discussing ways to make waste free/plastic free class parties. Drafting a resource guide for class - will be distributed soon

Q&A/Other Business

- Next General/Elections PTA Meeting is Thursday, May 21 at 6pm on Zoom
- Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant on June 8,, 2026