



**THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC**  
**General Board PTA Meeting**  
**February 27, 2026, 9:00am on Hybrid**

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

**Administration:** Sara Lise Raff, Marie Sun, Brendan Beseda, Christine Cherichella, Rachel Camhi

Zoom Attendee Count: 19 In Person Attendee Count: 15

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

**Minutes:** Liz announced a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Alison approved and Tamara seconded, with no objections.

**Agenda Items:**

- Welcome and Introduction
- Minutes Approval
- Administration Update
- Committee Updates
- Treasurer's Report
- Q&A

**Welcome/Shout Outs**

- Check calendar for upcoming events
  - March 1 - Broadway Night 2pm
  - March 5 - Early Dismissal 11:50 - Parent/teacher conferences
  - March 6 - Parents as Partners, 8:45 cafeteria/hybrid
  - March 6 - Stars on Stage, 6pm auditorium
  - March 19 - PTA Meeting, 9am hybrid
  - March 20 - No school, Eid al-Fitr
  - March 27 - Gala, 6-9:30pm, Slate
  - April 19 - Yankees Game
- Next General PTA meeting- March 19, 2026 9:00am (hybrid).

**Admin Updates: Sara Lise Raff**

- Summer Rising applications open March 3. PS199 will not be a host location this year.
- Importance of returning the NYC School survey, if you have questions, please ask!

**Brendan Beseda - A.P**

- Thank you for being flexible during the snow day this week!

- DOE has sent chromebooks for students to take home. If you need one, please let Sharon know by the end of the day.
- Report cards will be out next Wednesday, parent/teacher conferences will be held next thursday, dismissal will be at 11:50am
- State Testing is coming up

**NY State Math, ELA and Science Exams: Brendan Beseda, Christine Cherichella, Rachel Camhi**

- Disc testing is computer based for all grades this year, students have been taking practice exams online.
- April 15/16 ELA exams for grades 3-5, April 29/30 Math exams for grades 3-5 and Science exam for 5th grade will be May 14.
- Students will have unlimited testing time provided they are productively working.
- ELA exam will be multiple choice, short response question and extended response (5th grade only)
- Math exam will be multiple choice for the first day and second day will be 5 multiple choice and constructed response questions.
- The science test is 60% multiple choice and 40% constructed response.
- Coherent year long curriculum is aligned to NYS learning standards.
- Students have been learning test taking strategies such a reviewing genre expectation/close reading and annotating, practicing taking tests on paper/computer.
- Help child by setting a positive mindset/model at home, try to avoid over extending learners, please be on time!

**Garden Committee: Alfred Huang**

- Winter sowing has started, plants should be reading for transplant for the April event and harvest event in June
- DSNY has provided compost
- Earth Matters Grant was received for the tree boxes
- Science teachers have been able to work the garden into the curriculum (sustainability, life cycles etc)

**Treasurer's Report: Sally Shin**

- Family giving YTD is \$114,000 - strong participation from K and 3rd Grade
- Expenses for January were \$114 (paid for enrichment programs, field trips, operating expenses)

**Q&A/Other Business**

- Next PTA General Meeting March 19 - hybrid
- Meeting adjourned at 9:56 am
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant Feb 27, 2026