



THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
Executive Board PTA Meeting
March 7, 2025, 9:00am on Zoom

Executive Board Attendees: Lauren Fiore, Stephanie Strote, Raphael Miranda, Sarah Najarian, Kate Overby, Sarah Pacheco Najarian, Lois Suh, Asel Mukha, Sweta Merchant, Liz Oved, Courtney Grant, Tatyana, Irene Ou, Lauren Weigel

Administration: Louise Xerri, Sharon Chung, Sara Lise Raff

Zoom Attendee Count: 11

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

Minutes: Lauren announced a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Approved and seconded, with no objections.

Agenda Items

- Welcome/Shout Outs- Valentine's Day Coffee & Treats for Teachers and Staff, PTC Lunch
- Minutes Approval from prior EB meeting 11/08/25
- Administration Update
- Teachers' Update
- Treasurers' Update
- Fundraising Update
- New Business/Q&A

Shout-Outs

- Valentines Treats for teachers and staff - Thank you **Stephanie and**
- **Valentine's Day Coffee & Treats**
- **Thank you to Sarah and Iris for helping us add Culture Night to the calendar**
- **Gala Committee—shout out to Lois and Liz**
- **Great to see those of you that could make it to our informal get together last Friday night!**

- **Tonight: Stars-on-Stage!**
- **Next PTA meeting: Friday, March 14th, 9am, hybrid - with Gala presentation**
- **Next EB Meeting: April 11th, 9am Zoom - this is an important meeting where a draft budget will be presented.**
- **Gala: We are doing great in terms of ticket sales and auction items, but could still take about**

70 more tickets and more auction items. We are lower than last year.

Administration Update: Principal Xerri

- Can't believe we are so far into the school year.
- Kids are feeling happy.
- Parent Teacher conferences happened yesterday, which is a good time for feedback from parents.
- We have a close-knit teacher/administrative community.
- Hopefully we will be able to look forward to Gail Brewer support for NY Philharmonic program.
- Small Class Initiative: looking positive for at least partial funding for the lower classes to add teachers. We are lucky to have the space to expand at our school!
- Please fill out your family survey!
- We still do not have a building custodian.
- Testing is starting soon. It will be administered on computers for 4th and 5th grade; 3rd grade will move to computers next year. It's harder for our kids because we do a lot of work teaching them to highlight, for example, and you can't do that on the computer. Testing is showing what you know.
- Ms. Chung: teachers are working on new strategies for kids to take the test on computers. Stamina is important too, in reading, and in writing. Get your kids to read as much as they can, write when possible, any practice is helpful.
- Summer Rising: PS 199 is hosting the summer program this year. Our teachers are not leading it, but the building will be in use.

Administration Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Stars-on-Stage tonight.
- Community Cares: Project Cicero was a great success! Thank you everyone for the great work.

Finance Update/Treasurer's Report: Liz Oved

- Family Giving: Up \$3,000 - we are almost at our goal! We will have a break-out by grade next week.
- Budget process discussion begins in March and should be finalized in May. Elections will be in June, at which time the general attendance will need to approve the budget.

Fundraising/Events Update: Lauren, Stephanie S.

- Stephanie has not started planning the Spring Festival yet which will be in June, and she is working on the Yankees event on May 5th.
- 2025 Gala Report, Lauren Fiore: Chairs are Genie Chow and Masha Hoffman. Gala Committee: Sheri M is overseeing auction solicitation. Aparnaa is overseeing Event Management.
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Q & A / Other Business

- We will begin working on the budget next week in preparation for the April 11th meeting.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:52am.
- Minutes prepared by Lauren Weigel.