



THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 199, INC
General PTA Meeting (Elections and Budget Approval)
October 16, 2025, 6:00pm Hybrid

Executive Board Attendees: Lauren Fiore, Liz Oved, Alison Shapiro, Shari Forrest, Courtnay Grant, Stephanie Strote, Gaia Marchetti, Genie Chow, Masha Hoffman, Meital Dror, Sweta Merchant, Sarah Najarian, Abhishek Khandelwal

Administration: Sharon Chung Principal I.A. , Sara Lise Raff, Bethany Trench

Zoom Attendee Count: 46~

Welcome and Call to Order: PTA Co-President Lauren Fiore called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

Minutes - Lauren announced a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting September 19, 2025. Approved by Sweta and seconded by Sarah

Agenda Items:

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

Admin Update

Sharon Chung Principal I.A

- Thank you to everyone for attending tonights meeting
- Disc upcoming dates to remember (school closures, parent/teacher conferences, spirit day, Halloween parade)
- School partnerships have now started (Ballet Hispanico 3rd grades, Chess for K&4, NY Philharmonic grades 3-5, NDI grades 1&4, architecture 2nd grade and field trips across all grades. Thank you so much to the families for supporting the enrichment programs.
- Science update - the hydroponics herb garden is growing well and the quail eggs have hatched! the school will keep a few of the chicks and the rest will go to a school in Brooklyn.

Teacher Update: Bethany Trench

- Manhattan Parent Conference is Oct 25 from 9-3, info will be sent out
- UFT District 3 is walking this weekend in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser and many teachers wore pink yesterday to support the cause
- Disc ways to support the paraprofessionals and how vital they are to our children. City council will be voting on the bill Nov 13, please contact City Council Member

Parent Coordinator Update: Sara Lise Raff

- Middle school applications are underway, reach out if help is needed.
- Reminder to let prospective families know to check out website, school doesn't offer tours

- Make sure K-2 are prepared before going down the driveway in the morning, no running back for bags etc. Gate closes at 8:32
- Encouraged volunteering
- Check lost and found, please label items

Presidents Update: Lauren and Liz

- Welcome and thank you everyone for joining tonights meeting
- Thank you Garden committee for a successful event
- Reminder about costume swap tomorrow in the yard.
- Fall Fest, Bake Sale and Spirit days are coming up!
- Thank you Sally and Abhishek for all the work they have been putting in getting up to speed in the treasurers roll

Elections:

- Election Chairman Brian Grant introduced himself and explained the election process.
- Will be electing **FIVE (5) PARENTS-AT-LARGE and ONE (1) SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM.**
- Rolls and terms were discussed.

Elections for PARENTS AT LARGE

Tatyana Malininskaya, Arthur Dembro, Emily Drummond, Meital Dror and Matt Williams were all nominated and introduced. Lauren made a motion to elect nominees and Liz seconded. An anonymous poll was opened and all were elected.

Elections of SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Susan Mani was nominated and introduced. Liz made a motion to elect the nominee and Lauren seconded. An anonymous poll was opened and elected.

Congratulations to those newly elected

Finance Update: Abhishek

- Report is for up to September 30, 2025
- Disc high expenses were due to classroom start up funds and paying enrichment vendors
- Family Giving is currently at 10% of annual goal, reminder about corporate match
- Family Giving tally was shown - Kindergarten is currently first place in the Family Giving race!
- Disc budget - adjustments can be made during the year as new things come up.

Question:

- Parent wondered how we are tracking this year compared to last year (answer: we are on target, reminded these numbers are for last month)

Liz made a motion to approve the proposed budget for the 2025/2026 school year. Lauren approved, anonymous poll was launched - Budget approved.

Fundraising Update: Stephaine and Gaia

- Upcoming Events
 - Fall Festival - Oct 25
 - Bake Sale - Nov 4
 - Book Fair - Nov 17-21
 - Knicks/Magic game @ City Tavern Nov 22. Tickets will be \$65 and the school will receive \$15 from each ticket sold. Each ticket will include beverages and appetizers.

- Volunteers and candy needed for Fall Fest
- Check Konstella or the PTA website for site for committees and volunteering opportunities.
- Calendar of events will be on Konstella, newsletter and website

Garden Committee Update: Alfred Huang

- Thank you to everyone who attend, approx 120 attended, great start to the year
- Thank you to Wondersparks for another wonderful show
- Kids were able to harvest parsley
- Ms Yi (science) has started planting vegetables for the year

5th Grade Committee Update: Stephanie Kokinos

- The graduation committee is looking for volunteers. 4th grade parents are more than welcome to help out!
- More info about upcoming events will be available soon

Q&A/Other Business

- Costume swap and coffee chat in the yard after drop off tomorrow
- Next EB Meeting is Friday, Nov 7 at 9 am
- Next General PTA Meeting is Thursday, Nov 20 at 6pm (hybrid)
- Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm
- Minutes prepared by Courtney Grant on October 17, 2025