



## PS29 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Scheduled date: 19th September,2025  
Scheduled time: 8:45 am  
Location: PS 29 Auditorium

Meeting began at: 8:45 am  
Meeting ended at: 10 am

### Present (please check):

School Admin & PS29+ Staff:	PS29 Executive Board	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Fagin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Cavanagh <input type="checkbox"/> Halee Hochman <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pender  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS29+ Staff: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marie Isner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-Presidents: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariam Furmanau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kasey Noziska <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-Treasurers: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Moyse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Houge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-VPs Communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Hoffner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Milch	<input type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-VPs Fundraising: <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Schroeder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jutta Friedrichs <input type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-Secretaries: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S. Rajini Pujari <input type="checkbox"/> Constantine Sverdlov <input type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-VPs Class Parent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alicia Andrews <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dinah Herrity

### General PTA Meeting Agenda (please amend the list as needed)

- Approval of Minutes
- Co-Presidents report
- Principal's report
- PS29+ report
- Treasurer's report
- Fundraising report
- Other reports & ad-hoc discussion

### Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting

- Approved
- Not Approved

The next general PTA meeting date/time/location: Oct 16th, 2025/ 6:30 pm/ Zoom





## Meeting Notes:

### Principal's Report

#### 1. Dr Faggin Introduction to the New School year:

- Welcoming parents and sharing latest updates of the school
- School added new Accessibility seats in Auditorium
- Number of Kids in school were 710 today
- School admin, with help of PTA, think of every step to help children and parents
- Plan ahead and learn more what the kids want and make their experiences better
- PS29 Alumni returning to be teachers and subbing.

#### 2. Values & Vision

- We are aligned with what we say
- What the values are SLT and PTA
- Important to have skills that are taught to the kids
- Conversations we foster in classroom
- We talk about anti biased and anti racist works

#### 3. Goals and Priorities

- CEP goals- developed in the set and teacher leader teams and resources
- Priority 1 reading well
- Graduate from college
- How are trying train teachers/ making it foundational aspect enhance skills
- Making progress and have high expectation - with love and nurturing
- Scientific reading
- Foundations
- Training teachers- home work OG training for all teachers
- These are district goals
- Students have mentors to help with the subject they might struggle with
- MTSS framework
- Students are learning Financial literacy - financial lessons
- Inclusiveness- involving parents to involve with kids and teachers
- Building thinking classroom is our priority with math lessons
- Teachers are constantly learning and being challenged by parents
- Feedback for teachers with the admin and parents
- Math coach / literacy coach/ICT teams are available resources at the school

#### 4. Construction

- 1 more year of construction
- They are building for accessible spaces for students
- There will be an elevator quarter.
- Trying to check all boxes of the punch list items
- We are in constant contact and communication with construction team





- Construction team work from 6 pm to 1 pm weekdays and weekends
- Cafeteria has a wider area, new sink was added
- Classrooms have new doors
- Nurse room and PTA room is bigger and changed

#### 5. Cellphone policy

- DOE has imposed removing screen and smart devices, so children can focus on school
- Screens and cellphones have not been an issue in PS29
- 5th grade generally is when there is the big jump with devices in school & 4th grade is a little bit less
- Revising the policy of locking up devices
- Figuring lock boxes at every classroom to lock devices - proposal (Statewide policy)

#### 6. Prose school

- A 5 year plan
- Staff gets more discretion to how to move the classroom
- Flexible staff
- It might impact families and PT Meeting

### Co-President Reports

- Co- President Mariam, welcomes new parents and existing parents to the New school year
- Introduces the PTA Exec board Members to the attendees
- Our mission- to foster a vibrant community with the neighbourhood at large, Raising funds for school

#### 1. Fundraising: How do we raise money?

- 37% - afterschool programs we run our own AFscl prom
- Committees, community events super science eat pie shop- 18%
- Corporate matching- 34%
- Carryover funds 8%
- Merchandise sales- 3%
- How do we spend the money- program supports for school/ sub coverage arts and music program , enrichment proms yoga , ballet dancing
- Buy supplies
- Credit card fees
- Budget contributions, hoping to bring in \$561k Funds for school

#### 2. Fall events

- Holidays: Roshashana, Yom Kippur, Indigenous Day, Diwali
- First SLT meeting
- Movie night & Raffle
- Rummage sale
- Harvest Week
- Cleaning out PTA closets on September 20th





### PS29+ Report: Marie

- Marie introduces herself.
- Pickle ball for the first time
- Typical day we see 329 children a day for Afterschool courses and Kids club
- EKC- defining and what it means
- Started courses 15th sept
- Lot of aides and vendors have returned
- We are at growth trajectory
- School yard pickup until weather is good
- Safety of kids is no:1 priority
- Courses run through Dec 19th
- Kidsclub run through Dec 23rd
- No courses on halloween
- 3 semester about 10 weeks of course in each semester
- We have a rigorous vetting process on the vendors

### Treasurer's Report: Rachel Moyse

- Referring to the slide of summary fundraising until June 25
- Fundraising Report: Total funds collections as of August 25 fundraising- refers to the presentation slide

### Other reports & ad-hoc discussion

- SLT - PTA representative for SLT is Elizabeth Milch(Co VP of Communications)
- SLT Voting happens simultaneously while presentation is given
- Question from a parent about the classroom sizes and new teachers and if the kids are getting quality education?
  - Dr. Faggin responds: New teachers insuring us that they up for it
  - Several hours of planning and supporting relationships
  - It's important that the admin are sitting in the classroom observing the new teachers
  - Kim van duzer is the best math teacher
  - Seasoned teachers is amazing
  - New teachers add this refreshing feel to the curriculum
  - We have diversity not only in age and nice to have that in school
  - We need the energy boost and support for us
  - Requesting parents to come forward and talk directly with Rebecca with any concerns
  - Asking parents to help lift new teachers up.
  - Dawn and Haylee(Co-Vice Principals) will help better if you have any concerns
  - We make sure we take care handle things very sensitively
  - If there is a buzz among parents Rebecca requests that parents come directly to her and not fester in the loophole
  - Teacher Rosenthal is teaching afterschool for kids who wanted to stay after school to learn more about different subjects

