



PS29 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Scheduled date: 22 May 2026

Scheduled time: 8:40 AM

Location: in person/School Auditorium

Meeting began at: 8:40 AM

Meeting ended at: 9:40 AM

Present (please check):

School Admin & PS29+ Staff:	PS29 Executive Board	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Fagin <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Cavanagh <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Halee Hochman <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Samar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-VPs Communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Hoffner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Milch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTA Co-VPs Fundraising: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Schroeder <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Alicia Andrews <input 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 Exec Board PTA meeting date/time/location: June 16, 2026/ 6:30 pm/ Online





Meeting Notes:

Co-President Reports

Upcoming events:

- Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)- Monday, May 25th
- Eid al-Adha (NO SCHOOL)- Wednesday, May 27th
- May Service Collective Event: Tree Care - Saturday, May 30th
- Chancellor's Conf. Day (NO SCHOOL)- Thursday, June 4th
- Clerical Day (NO SCHOOL)- Friday, June 5th
- Block Party- Friday, June 12th
- June PTA Meeting (election+budget vote)- Wednesday, June 17th
- Juneteenth (NO SCHOOL)- Friday, June 19th
- Last day of school- Friday, June 26th

Service Collective Partnership:

- Giving students a chance to volunteer + learn to be good community members.
- Year 1 of our Service Collective partnership to be continued next year
 - Last month: shelter animal care
 - Next week: adopting and caring for trees near our school
 - Trees surrounding PS 29, we will be taking out the weeds and rocks with designs, taking care of plants as the general upkeep
 - Drop off 8 yr olds at the school. Younger kids can be accompanied by parents
- School community response - each event fills up in minutes

PTA Board elections:

- Kasey: We have elections for PTA board
- open positions available
 - Co President
 - 2 positions for VP Fundraising
- Imp: We are looking for co presidents, VP for fundraising 2 positions
 - We don't find a Co-president then we cannot have after school program
 - Fundraising it is very hard the first half but all is around to help
 - June 16th will be PTA election and budget vote.
 - The last day of school could be a half day.
- Block Party: There is an urgent need for volunteers and we are relying on parents to come forward.





Principal's Report with Dr Fagin:

- Thank you for coming for All Are Welcome party
- Doris held her cooking circle and it was wonderful & we have Jewish American Heritage - cooking circle- Blintzes with Asaf on 29th May
- The musical was a hit and was wonderful
- Meet and greet with kindergarteners is on May 28th the partnership with our kids
- ABAR work book clubs with parent and equity teams. As an extension - *Raising Anti Racist Children* (Brit Hawthorne) book club for families
- Celebrating Pride month June 15th -6/15 - Part II ABAR Workshop: Teacher-led workshop for families in conjunction with our Equity Committee
- Pflag will present inclusion workshop with parents and talking about gender and how to talk it to the kids and the language we use with the staff and parents
- Wear rainbow colours on June 1st
- Pride pizza party - June 22nd
- School wide spirit days
 - 6/1 - Wear the rainbow to kick off Pride Month
 - 6/11 - Team Spirit Day for the start of the World Cup
 - 6/18 - Silly Hat Day
 - 6/25 - Mismatch Day

Enrollment:

- Every year is different , there are many applicants and this year we have 2 PREk classrooms. Last year one classroom for the perk was taken from us and as they used it to fill another school on Atlantic avenue
- It has been reopened up this school year
- Kindergarten 18 applicants in waitlists, we have priority groups for siblings
- Budget - we will get it in July and then we will know about the small class size fund next year and we are not clear about it. The doe in order to comply with the state laws or class size laws. They are looking for compliance with the law.
We applied for funds in December and then the date came and went . We are operating in the function that we will have more time, lot of people are moving out off the school and we are collecting the data to help us understand
- QLiz :when we speak about cohort what that means, does that mean that the 4th gd be small or big next year”
- A:1st 2nd 4th are small sizes and there are 20 to 23 kids in a class. 3rd grade is 27 to 28 was avg class size . I think the cohort is moving up and I don't really understand that but hopefully the system will good by us and there is some positive
- This impacts our hiring space and programming for next school year, are we going have 6 classes with 120 kids or have 5 with 120





- Construction : We have some tense meetings, the windows on the right side of the auditorium , they are saying now dec 2027 to finish the work.
- Q: Auditorium sound system needs upgrading
- A: We did not allocate a budget for mics and sound systems, we made a few cheap upgrades.
- Q: Can we have a grant for that? If anyone has expertise on sound Engg please help us. We need to focus on that

Envisioning School yards:

- WE need to upgrade the yard we are going the SEA to help with the SYard and
- testing police from off of assessment follow procedure and regulation. There weren't any issues all went well
- We are still waiting the final approval
- They were wondering the room usage / especially for our support staff
- We begun the Kindergarten registration
- We have big trip going to Philly 5th graders
- 4th graders are going for a trout trip
- 5th grade year book after the testing
- Ukulele will happen in June
- Lot of movement
- Guidelines about AI and how it can be used in the school
- The usage of books vs screens

Fundraising Report:

- WE raised 126% of fundraising
- Collected \$246 K
- We saw a dip in parent volunteering and participation for committees and help us
- Benefit & auction : We added a theme , increased our attendance by 15% we are also looking forward to have 20% to 25% next year
- We started a ticket raffle to see how the participation was
- There is a class who raised the most , they will do pledge of allegiance for a week
- We raised \$70K for the Gala
- We are changing the theme and we are compensating with movie night which we had 10K more than expected
- Next year expect bigger outreach , the other thing was babysitting with sitter city
- We are continuing with Strong Rope





- We had bid and MC
- We auctioned off 5 auditorium seats

Farewell by Mariam the Co- President:

- Not completely moving out as I am staying on as treasurer
- We are looking for a Co- President and at the same time we are looking for a new parent coordinator. If you know anyone or an ex-parent or parent who can help out. We would highly appreciate it.

Afterschool Report by Marie:

- Spring courses run till June 12 and we will have EKC will go until the last, end of the month
- You have to opt in there is no coverage
- The weather dictates if it can be an outdoor event or indoor
- Afterschool ends on 26th June
- If you have any idea for a course and a vendor you can reach out to me and PS29 Plus
- Fall course lottery will be in July 2026
- Mid July courses will open first and then the lottery will be on August 13th or 14th.

Treasurers report by Rachel:

- Rachel Refers to the slides for the report up until April 2026

Special Guest Brad Lander:

- Spent time at PS447 Middle school to be part of the MTA drive to help improve conditions
- He mentions that our community is full of people who are kind, filled with empathy, inclusion and the values matter. Thinking about and learning about
- Our own Govt is undermining us with our community
- The best tools than caner rode bad politics is the school and read and write , doing mathematics reading and writing and critical thinking is a must have
- We are modelling them for our kids
- It's more important that AI
- We are ignoring public school with policies after pandemic
- Robert Jackson John lu
- Shares fun ideas about the playground
- I did bring participatory budgeting
- One of the best, trust for public land , let the kids design the playground





- They started a competition with 1st graders who came together to design in ps130.
- Q: the safety , MTA a lot going on how do you talk about safety and on roads and the trucks that speed over the roads?
- A: I am working with a lot of progress , the safe routes to school is an initiative I started. Starting the intersections around the school and parking spots.
- Safety patrols programs for 5th graders
- Q : Family first sight which is abandoned, can we use it for an interactive kids site?
- A: That's a good idea. We will look into it and try to work with the school to help that space be utilized.
- Q:What can we do to support your candidacy
- A: spread the word and help the community understand how important it is to have a candidate who truly listens & works for them.
- June 13th is early voting.

**Presentation Slides will be provided by Mariam/ Kasey

