



PS29 PTA General Board Meeting Minutes

Scheduled date: Jan 16, 2026
 Scheduled time: 8:40 AM
 Location: PS29 Auditorium

Meeting began at: 8:40 am
 Meeting ended at: 9:30 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"/> Ben Houge <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 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 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: Feb , 2026/ Zoom Call





Meeting Notes:

Co-President Reports

Co- President Kasey,

- PTA Exec board greets parents.
- Shares list of upcoming events & holidays at PS29.
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)- Monday, January 19th
 - PS29 Book Fair - January 26th - 30th
 - School Photo Retake Day Thursday, February 5th
 - February PTA Meeting (on Zoom) Thursday, February 12th, 6:30pm
 - Midwinter Recess (NO SCHOOL) February 16th - 20th
 - Super Science Saturday Saturday, March 7th
- Volunteers Needed: For Book Fair, mostly filled but need few more
- Partnering up with Fork and Pencil. 30% of the money goes to charity,
- partnering up with Ps15 To help set up their Library
- More board positions will be opening up during the year 2025-26. If interested please email the PTA.
- We are having open elections today to elect our new co treasurer and Making March 19th a Half day.

Principal's Report: Dr Fagin:

Overall School Report:

- Shakespeare collaboration began in 1st grade
- Improv collaboration began in 5th grade
- Chess begins soon in 2nd grade
- P.S. 29 Chess Team came in 3rd place last weekend at a chess tournament. With one of student snagging the 1st place which pushed us up in overall ranking in NYC tournament
- 5th grade musical - info meeting on Tuesday; auditions are next week
- Chen dance for 3rd grade in conjunction with study of China
- Comfort Dog visit today, 1/16
- We had equity family meeting last week about engaging other cultural professional development. We do this every year. Our staff and family engage in dialogue about how best to involve our vast diverse families.
- We have collaboration with NYC kids with theatre trained kids with 1st grade classes and 2nd grade, using puppets and how to engage kids and their identity.
- We planned a Lion dance performance for lunar new years like all the other years.
- We re doing set work for physiotherapist Zoe biasing , talking about body positivity, this is part of wellness agenda
 - Peer meditation training which is a come back after covid
- We want families come during lunch with parents with professional and talents to teach kids during free time
- Device ban - it's the higher grade but we put them away , we are investing in yonder pouches to put the





phones and watches away. What is the system? We need to figure it out still

Q: "Wait till 8th pledge" for phones/ devices I sent out earlier, I am curious if you will be willing to send that awareness around?

A: Before pandemic a whole series of round table with ms Sperry about the devices, it was slower than expected to make the changes

Parent: there is a website that helps with the entire process

There was a teacher panel .with other schools They were hosting last night , over the years having conversations about kids life.

Q : With the new Chancellor did you get to learn anything about the new rules ?

A: He is a close friend of mine and he is an educator principal and he is tuned in to current affairs and Kumar Samuels . He is going to be great, there won't be big changes in the curriculum, in fluency skill, & foundational skills in math. The kids are scoring 90 percentile in 4th and 5th grade in Literacy and Math
Just staying the course and I don't see big changes.

Back on topic : We started with SLT of the idea of Pro school in favorability in professional planning. We wanted to take 2 hours on March 19th. We are partnering up with outside resources with PTConf for 3/19

Multi system differential work with speech teacher and OT go to our classrooms create groups based on data informed them about the kids. The kids who are struggling need more time more diff approach to help them. The idea is to become better small groups to work with teachers from different classrooms.

2 hrs of PD instructional planning. MTSS(multi-tiered system of support)

Conflicts of dates of March 19th

4th grade teacher: We will be introducing a self paced wind period, targeted instructions focused on issues to help that small group to be hands on and built strategy and implement it.

Fagin: differentiating up or down to help kids who need more attention and the kids who are behind

Q: My son was preschool for pre k, 1 day every month for professional development flexibility

A: There are school environments that have or have not have such days. WE are sensitive of half days it would be hardships for families. Not all can be here for a typical day

There was Specs for all contractionally. For all are welcome:

- ***Coming Up...***

- Black History Month in February
- Respect For All Week - week of 2/8/26
 - Collaboration with NYC Kids
- Lion Dance performance
- Parent Talk with psychotherapist Zoe Bisbing, Founder of Body Positive Therapy NYC in





conjunction with Wellness, SLT sub-committee

- Peer Mediation Training
- Lunch & Learn with Families
- Device Ban in Schools - Yondr pouches for student devices will launch soon

PS29+ Report: Marie Isner

- The 5th graders play musical. There will be more info on the website , Patrick O'Connell was there last year and did a great job and so we called him back.
- There are 2 auditions 20th and 22nd January and it is on ps29+ portal , sign up there
- It's the Spongebob Musical
- Rehearsals begin: January 27th
- The play will be on May 1st, 2026

Treasurer's Report: Rachel

- We have raised \$174K with the goal to raise being \$195K
- Merch Sales is \$20K its 17% of the target. We now have new designs in the PS29 merch and will be out in Feb.
- We raised a lot during Eat, Pie, Shop this school year which was \$15K which is \$3K more than the Goal.
- Notable revenue in December:
 - +\$123K in donations incl. corporate matching
 - +\$12K from Eat Pie & Shop
 - +\$3.7K from Merch sales
- Notable expenses in December:
 - -\$12K for 4th Grade ballroom dancing
 - -\$2.1K for Library & Tech supplies
 - -\$1.5K for Staff holiday gifts

Fundraising Report:

- As per Dec we collected 174k or 89% We are doing better than thought
- This years goal is: \$195K

Other reports & ad-hoc discussion

Voting::

- In the last meeting: one of our Co- Treasurers stepped down so Samar Maziad Phd in economics with an impressive resume, offered to step in as the Co- Treasurer.





- Today we will be voting for approval of Professional Development Half-Day on March 19th & appointing Samar Maziad as the new Co- Treasurer for the remainder of the term 2025-2026..

Vote Tally for Approval:

- Total No: of Votes: 37
Votes for Approval: 100%
- Hence, motion approved to appoint Samar Maziad and have Professional Development Half day on March 19th.

Final statement(Mariam Speaks):

- Feb 12th next PTA meeting on Zoom

