

**PS199 PTA General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 13, 2016**  
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Meeting called to order 6:15pm.

Cluster teachers

Ron Regan, physical education teacher. Philosophy of physical education: fitness for life. If we develop good nutrition and exercise habits when we are young to reap the benefits later in life. He told a story about what he says to kids at the beginning of the year, asking whether they want to get a new bicycle, but on the condition that it is the only bicycle they will ever have for their whole life. The metaphor being that our bodies are the only ones we have for our whole lives, and we need to take care of it. In P.E. Mr. Regan introduces running, skipping, hopping, and non-competitive fun activities to introduce kids to sports. FITT. Frequency, intensity, time, type. Introducing the Mighty Milers program next week. "When health is absent, wisdom cannot reveal itself, art, wealth, reason." 300 BC

Lisa Taylor, library and media center. Ms. Taylor has been at PS199 for 12 years. All K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes have a library period. 4th graders come through to check out books and 5th graders visit the library as needed. Reading to your children and listening to their reading can foster a lifelong love of reading. Kindergarteners work on listening and reading skills. 1st graders work on fairy tales and fables. 2nd graders learning about authors. 3rd graders learn how to use a mapping program and other electronic resources, as well as Keyboarding Without Tears in the late winter. Next Wednesday 1st and 3rd graders will celebrate their summer reading accomplishments Digital citizenship lessons have been held for (what grades?)

Mila Dau, art teacher, has been at PS199 for 7 years, teaches 1st, 4th, and 5th. Three components of art classes 1) how to make art using different materials, painting, printmaker, drawing, collage, sculptures, 3 dimensional books. 2) look at, understand, and talk about art. Connect sight with feeling. 3) use metacognitive strategies - think about what they're thinking. Make goals, visualize what they want to make, problem solving, develop strategies, self assessing, and presenting their work. 1st graders work with animals. 4th graders work with figure sculptures. 5th graders work on self-portraits. Enhance fine motor skills, acquire measuring and assembling skills. This might mean changing their goals, changing their perspective.

Michelle Hill, art teacher, has been at P199. K, 2nd, 3rd grade.. Drawing, collage, painting, printmaking, digital media (photography, design) using iPads at the end of the year. Blueprint for the Arts is from the NYC DOE is much more diverse than it used to be. 2nd and 3rd graders keep a sketchbook to help them get warmed up at the beginning of the year. Themes often come from the social studies units each class is studying. About four times a year Ms. Hill sends out recommendations of resources, galleries and museums.

JoEllen Schuleman, science teacher for grades 2 and higher. Ms. Schuleman couldn't make it to the meeting tonight, but she asked Andrea Steinkamp to mention a few things. She has created a Shutterfly site that you can sign up for through the PS199 website. She also created a sign-up sheet for parent teacher conferences.

Saralisa Raff, movement teacher for grades kindergarten and first grade. Ms. Raff explained movement mostly dancing and creative movement. Help the kids feel comfortable with their bodies. Movement is as a very structured physical time for the

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kids, with upbeat music, movement vocabulary, and methods of physical expression. She weaves culture, history, and community into her lessons. She uses NYC DOE Blueprint for Dance. She sees kindergarteners twice a week, first graders once a week. Kindergarteners get instruction with Lincoln Center Education. 1st graders work with teaching artists from National Dance Institute.

Ingrid Camilo, music teacher, announced that it was her 24th year teaching at PS199! Ms. Camilo discussed the curriculum. K and 1st have music and movement. 2nd graders do chorus. 3rd graders learn to play the recorder, learn about rhythm, and composers. 4th graders also do chorus and the students are placed in singing groups (soprano, mezzo soprano, and alto). The songs are discussed in the context of composition, poetry, and theme, focusing on early American songs to tie in with the 4th grade social studies unit. 5th graders also do chorus, with the themes of growing up and moving on to the next adventure, with positive outlooks. Wednesday, December 21st is 2nd grade holiday choral concert. Solid foundation for a lifelong appreciation of music.

Thanks to Chad and Loren Cohen parents of twin boys at PS199 for bringing in Qdoba to cater tonight's meeting! If you have an event you need to cater please consider having this delicious food.

Liz Sutherland made a motion to approve the September 2016 general PTA minutes. Victoria Kopper seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the September 2016 general PTA minutes.

### PAL Elections - Angeline Huang

- Seven open parent at large (PAL) positions this year. PALs are voting members of the PTA executive board, participate in the monthly executive board and general PTA meetings, providing as needed support to PTA exec board officers committees.
- Nominees either spoke on their own behalf or Angeline read statements that had been emailed to her:
  - Moe Bardach
  - Carmen Bortner
  - Leslie Cawdron
  - Marianna Crespi
  - Michelle Gahwyler
  - Kate Stephan
  - Dorine Grollman
  - Sebastian Lieng
  - Rob Hayes
  - Jenn MacFarlane
- Angeline nominates Rebecca Zimba to cast one vote to elect Moe Bardach
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### WALKATHON - Elizabeth Nunez

- This Saturday at 9:45am down at the pier. Ms. Raff is leading our warm-up and stretching and Mr. Rockowitz is leading the group. The walk is 1 mile and takes approximately 30 minutes. The walk ends at the yard for Field Day with tons of activities and food.
- Please register and sign-up to help volunteer!!

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Shoe Drive October 17th
- Halloween Costume Swap October 18th - 20th, October 25th - 26th.

### BOOK FAIR - Victoria Kopper and Jenni Wolf

- November 14-18
- A % of the sales comes directly back to the school.
- Feel free to send money with your child or come with your child when their class goes book shopping. Machines don't accept gift cards.
- Thursday of the week of Book Fair is a PTA meeting and Book Fair will reopen during the meeting.
- School-wide pooled classroom fund.

### PRESIDENTS' UPDATE - Andrea Steinkamp and Victoria Micalizzi

- First Diversity Committee event: November 4th, at 6pm, a screening of My Neighbor Totoro. One of the animators from the film will be here to answer questions!

### FUNDRAISING

- Box Tops for education. Each box top is 10 cents. Check your expiration dates. Put your collected box tops in the collection bod in the lobby.

### SLT UPDATE - Liz Sutherland and Victoria Kopper

- SLT is School Leadership Team, which includes teachers and parent volunteers who work with curriculum, professional development, other school-based educational policies, and the school's annual Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP).
- SLT also oversees the coordination of field trips. We are in need of a kindergarten field trip volunteer to work with a kindergarten teacher to coordinate buses and scheduling.

### TREASURER'S REPORT - Ed Aldridge and Andrea Steinkamp

- Budget to actual through September 30, 2016 reviewed.
- Question about recurring Paypal donations for Family Giving. They do continue until stopped through Paypal. PS199 doesn't stop the payments.
- At the end of each school year we need to have a surplus to fund positions and operating expenses that are due July 1st (science teacher) and throughout the summer.
- Passport Program promoted as an easy way to participate in Family Giving as well as purchase tickets for the major fundraising events during the school year (Walkathon, Broadway Night). Some of the Passport is tax-deductible.

### RE-ZONING UPDATE - Andrea Steinkamp

- Upcoming meetings:
  - Wednesday October 19th - Final DOE Zoning scenario proposed. 6:30pm PS75 Auditorium, 735 West End Avenue
  - Saturday October 29th - Public Hearing 1pm at PS76 220, W 121st street
  - Tuesday November 1 - Public Hearing 6:30pm, Location TBD
  - Thursday November 3rd - Final Zoning Presentation 6:30pm, Joan of Arc 154 W 93rd Street
  - Wednesday November 9 - CEC3 Vote at 6:30pm, Joan of Arc 154 W 93rd street
  - [CEC3.ORG](http://CEC3.ORG) is a great resource for minutes and historical documents about the rezoning process.

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*PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE - Louise Xerri*

- Recess coaches are starting October 21st
- We received approval for an upgrade to our entire ventilation system
- Focusing on writing
- K-3 Halloween Parade 8:45am on October 31st

Meeting adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Zimba