

PS199 PTA General Meeting Minutes - APPROVED
June 17, 2017

Karen Cape motioned, Patricia Chesky seconded. Unanimous approval of May 2017 General PTA meeting minutes.

Jeff Alton - Audit Committee

The Audit committee checked all payments and deposits over certain thresholds. Everything did look good. Will be interviewing CPA firms to develop up-to-date processes.

Bylaws

Chancellors's Regulations have changed, and we are required to review our bylaws every three years at a minimum, or any time the chancellor's regulations are updated. Vote will take place at the September 2017 general PTA meeting.

2017-2018 PS199 PTA Officers-Elect

- President - Ginger Schuster
- Vice-Presidents - Imran Husain, Ed Aldridge
- Treasurer - Dijana Jovanovic
- Assistant Treasurer - Maria Paskowitz
- Recording Secretary - Ron Erlichman
- Co-corresponding Secretaries - Claudia Jannucci, Jenn MacFarlane
- Co-Fundraising Chair - Lara Bursor, Gayle Slonim

PTA Designees

- Claudia Jannucci nominated to be the designee to the Presidents' Council. Victoria Kopper made a motion. Sebastien Lieng seconded the motion. Unanimous approval of Claudia Jannucci as the PS199 PTA designee to the Presidents' Council.
- Dorine Grollman nominated to be the designee to the School Leadership Team. Dijana Jovanovic made a motion. Karen Cape seconded the motion. Unanimous approval of Dorine Grollman as the PS199 PTA designee to the School Leadership Team.

Thank you to the 2016-2017 PS199 PTA officers and PALs!

Imran Husain, Ed Aldridge, Danielle Winfield, Amy Friedland, Melissa Dye, Lara Bursor, Jill Urban, Rebecca Zimba, Leslie Cawdron, Dorine Grollman, Jenn MacFarlane, Kate Stephan, Sebastien Lieng. Thanks as always to Louise, Brendan, Allison, and Nick.

200 Amsterdam

- Some groups have objected to the height of this building project and have wanted the PTA to be involved. The PTA's position is to continue to work with the building developers on ensuring the safety of our school community. The PTA is not going to be involved in any specific efforts to stop or delay the project, since the height of the building doesn't materially alter the impact of the building.
- Question about the timeline of the building project. Unfortunately one of the most noisy and dusty parts of the building, the foundation, is likely going to be delayed as a result of the objections to the height of the building. It was supposed to happen this summer.
- Question about the impact of the building to overcrowding of the school. The building is not in the PS199 zone.
- Question about how to communicate concerns to the PTA, and what the PTA will do to address them. Email ps199pta@ps199pta.org, and they will be triaged to the correct recipient.

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Budget

- Review of budget through June 30, 2017 forecast. No questions.
- Ed reviewed the proposed budget for 2017-2018, highlighting any changes to the budget from 2016-2017.
- Questions about bathroom cleaning. Louise said that she has requested renovations to the bathrooms from the DOE. Andrea mentioned that the custodial budget is based on the square footage of the building, not its population. City Councilmembers are working with the SCA to change the budget algorithm for this.
- Social Issues Programming budget question. The RULER program will continue to be used; no additional professional development is needed at this time.
- Question about playground supervision. None of the vendors we have used in the past consistently met our expectations. There are sufficient adult supervisors from the school staff (paraprofessionals, teacher aides, etc) during each lunch period without the recess coach vendors.
- Question about tree branches. Parks department, Lincoln Towers, and the School Construction Authority have been and continue to work together to maintain the trees that hang over our school yard. On some windy days this year the children had indoor recess.
- Question about paper, toner, and copier maintenance. Discussion about reducing the amount of paper that is used by the PTA. Communication preferences discussed (emails, apps, other electronic notifications).
- Question about the Greenhouse. Karen Cape will address in her update after the vote.
- Karen Cape made a motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 budget. Victoria Kopper seconded the motion. Unanimous approval of the proposed 2017-2018 budget. The budget will be presented again in the fall.

STEAM Team - Karen Cape

- The current science classroom will be combined with the classroom next to it, with a movable wall between the two spaces, anticipated summer 2017. The additional space will be designed with the help of New York SunWorks with hydroponics and other greenhouse-like structures and facilities.
- Second STEAM Team event was last night in the auditorium: astronaut Mike Massimino gave a slideshow and showed videos of his experience in space. Thanks to Elisa Konafagu for helping bring Mike to PS199. For anyone interested in the space food, you can find it on funkyfoodshop.com

Diversity Committee, Around the World with PS199 - Prashanthi Reddy

June 3rd, 2017 2-5pm. It was a fun afternoon with 5 countries (Brittany, Egypt, India, Israel, Russia). Irish dancing, Russian dancing, Bollywood dance workshop, cricket workshop, food, and other activities were a big hit with everyone! Please get in touch with Prashanthi and other Diversity Committee members with your ideas for Around the World next year!

School Leadership Team (SLT) - Liz Sutherland and Victoria Kopper

Thanks to all of the field trip coordinators (teachers and parents)

Kindergarten - Jamie Zucker and Kiran Abid

1st grade - Melissa Fields and Dorine Grollman

2nd grade - Collette Hall and Rachel Berger

3rd grade - Lauren Becker and Ariana Stolar

4th grade - Erin Gregorek and Lisa Ballard

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5th grade - Kirsten Loderer and Shari Katz
Lisa Ballard Buses
Nick Lin finances
Allison Sansoucie updates the school calendar

Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) is written every year by the SLT, addresses education issues and community goals. One of the biggest ongoing issues is PCBs.

Principal's Q&A - Louise

- Thanks to Victoria Kopper and Liz Sutherland, and Andrea Steinkamp and Victoria Micalizzi for their service and support of the school.
- Rezoning and waitlist question. It will take time for the rezoning to reduce the size of the school. There is no waitlist for kindergarten at this time. This year we aim to have 5 sections of kindergarten, other grades not yet set.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Zimba, Recording Secretary