

**PS199 PTA General Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**  
**November 17, 2016**

Fashion show for Fall Spiritwear line featuring PS199 students. Thanks to Leslie and Melissa for coordinating!

Meeting called to order 6:48pm.

Abigail Schlaff made a motion to approve the October 2016 general PTA minutes. Karen Cape seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the October 2016 general PTA minutes.

**THANK YOU!!**

- Walkathon — Geraldine Artaud Elizabeth Nunez
- Healthy Child, Healthy Planet — Charlotte Gordon and Kirstel Chou
  - Zero Waste School Initiatives (an initiative for which the school was selected by the DOE)
  - Post-Walkathon Shoe Drive
- Community Cares — Corrine Glass and Lainie Kernis
  - Back to School Supply Drive
  - Halloween Candy Drive. We collected over 700 pounds of candy in the two days after Halloween, and donated it to hospitals, homeless shelters, men and women serving overseas, and more!
- Diversity Committee Movie Night — Prashanthi Reddy
- Election Day Bake Sale — Jessica Alton, Abigail Schlaff, Sharon Khoo, Samantha Tawfik
- Book Fair — Jenni Wolf and Victoria Kopper

**RE-ZONING UPDATE - Andrea Steinkamp**

- All current PS199 students will remain PS199 students.
- Siblings of current PS199 students will continue to have enrollment priority, as outlined in the Chancellor's Regulations
- Why is Re-Zoning Proposed Across District 3?
  - Ease overcrowding (particularly relevant to PS199)
  - Right-size enrollment and balance capacity
  - Promote diversity
  - Ensure successful schools
- Key Overcrowding Statistics for PS199
  - Current enrollment is 887, on a DOE published building capacity of 642
  - Continued K admittance levels consistent with 2015/2016 (6 classes) will result in the loss of cluster classrooms used for science, art, music, and movement classes.
- North of 72nd street is an historical preservation district, so a lot of new development is happening south of 72nd.
- A list of re-sitings and a map of proposed zone lines were presented.
- The PTA has never advocated for a specific proposal, however the PTA has always supported some kind of change to ease overcrowding at PS199.
- The CEC will vote on November 22nd.
- Question about how many PS452 students would be eligible to come to PS199 in the upper grades based on the proposed zone line changes above 70th street and west of Broadway. Hard to determine, however, the number of upper grade students who would be removed from the PS199 zone through redrawing the zone lines is likely similar to the number who could come from PS452.
- Question about how long it would take for the new zone lines and the 5 kindergarten sections we have been promised (as opposed to the 6 we have had for several years) to have an impact on overcrowding. It's complicated because of a reduction in recent years to the attrition in upper grades, however every year will make a difference.
- Question about the increasing the district capacity for middle school and high school. An ongoing important conversation

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FUNDRAISING - Lara Bursor

- Family Giving
- Square 1 Art fundraiser
- Amazon 4-10%
- Fairway community partners 3-4.5%
- Schoola clothing drive

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thanksgiving Potluck Friday November 18th, 6:30-8pm, in the School Cafeteria
  - K & 1st families bring main dishes
  - 2nd & 3rd families bring sides
  - 4th & 5th families bring dessert.
- Community Cares
  - Coat Drive November 21 - November 23rd
  - Sponsoring a table for making Holiday Cards at the holiday party December 3rd
  - Coordinating with Art classes to make and laminate placemats in November for City Meals on Wheels.
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- Holidays in Hawaii — Saturday December 3rd, 2pm-4pm
- Broadway Night — Sunday January 29th, 7pm-8pm
  - Charlotte Cohn and Karen Cape came up to promote Broadway Night
  - Tickets go on sale on November 30th.
  - New this year! VIP seating and raffle tickets can be bought online

PRINCIPAL'S Q&A - Louise Xerri

- Question about whether kids could be allowed to bring footballs to recess. Soccer and Kickball are also being played, so they are working on rotating with other sports and coming up with acceptable rules for the games that keep all of the students safe.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Andrea Steinkamp

- Question about the Holiday Boutique Fair. We are not doing it this year, but it hasn't been removed from the budget yet. That will be reflected in future versions of the budget.
- Vote to re-allocate \$8,700 of surplus budget from the reduced recess coaches budget to:
  - Increase the Trip Fund budget from \$1,000 to \$6,000
  - Increase Teacher Classroom Startup Fund from \$8,750 to \$12,450.
  - Scott Oscher made a motion, Michelle Gere seconded the motion . The motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned 8pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Zimba