

PS 174 PA General Meeting Minutes

June 02, 2025, 6 p.m., via Zoom

https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/94388562148?pwd=Snfd5aVTzEevypC6xH1Xhq2NJaG28z.1

Attendees (22):

Ying Liu, Steve Wyszinski, Marc Lee, Parisa, Sonia, Sonya Sakhrani, Gregory Arnold, Anna & Frank Sabatini, AJ Kolb, Maria Ramirez, Rachel Caracci, Germosen, Nataria Copeland, Kenneth, Daniil Brif, Philip Prine, Natalie Ng, Rita Wugalter, Dana, Karina Chow, Wendy, Katerina Zuniga

Please remember to sign in. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the official business of the PS 174 PA.

I. Call to Order

- A. Start recording
- B. Read previous minutes

II.Treasurer's Report

A. Monthly report

The PA currently has \$28,748 in the bank. Recent income included last-minute 5th Grade dues, \$26 from Box Tops, and matched donations from companies totaling about \$738 (moved from a closed savings account). Additional donations included \$100 from a family and \$500 from M&S After School. Fundraisers brought in \$819 from the Snack Train and \$2,259 from the Mother's Day sale. Field Day donations added \$60, and spirit wear sales brought in \$24.

Expenses for the month were about **\$6,000**, including **\$4,844** for the Scholastic Book Fair (which earned around \$2,000 profit), **\$227** for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, and **\$628** for Field Day insurance.

There are still upcoming costs for 5th Grade activities, yearbooks, graduation, and taxes. Additional income is expected from end-of-year fundraisers. Note: the Golden Ticket chocolate fundraiser was run by the school, not the PA.

III. Business

A. Results of the PA and SLT Elections

2025 - 2026 PA Executive Board

Co-Presidents

Natalie Ng & Michele Cheng

Vice Presidents:

Marc Lee, Gregory Arnold, Jason Wand

Co-Secretaries

Ying Liu & Anna Meyers Sabatini

Treasurer

Dalelyn Wyszinski

School Leadership Team (SLT)

Michele Cheng (PA President Representative)

Karla Fuentes (24 - 26)

Max Dickstein (24 - 26)

Maria Ramirez (25-26)

Stephanie Wand (25 - 27)

Mary Beth Whitelaw (25 - 27)

Diego Paixao (25-26 alternate)

B. 2025 - 2026 budget review for approval (Dalelyn)

The PA plans to spend **\$40,000–\$50,000** next school year, similar to this year. Most of the money goes to school residencies, with other costs for things like website upkeep, student supplies, and event support.

It is proposed: **\$16,200** for residencies (adjusted for inflation), **\$4,000** for two school assemblies, **\$5,000** for school needs like field trips, student planners, and special events

In total, **\$25,200** will be given to school administration to support programs and activities. The budget was approved and will be shared on the PA website for transparency.

C. After School Updates

PS 174 will have an onsite afterschool program run by M&S Learning Center starting this fall. Space is limited, so sign-up is first come, first served. Forms are available on their website.

M&S runs the program independently but works with the school for space. They will also continue their offsite location on Booth Street. Other afterschool programs like Commonpoint and Vision will still pick up students.

The school may also offer seasonal programs like ballet or soccer. Parents can suggest ideas to the PA or school staff.

D. Field Day Recap

Field Day went well after being rescheduled due to rain. The weather was nice, and kids enjoyed the activities with help from parent volunteers. There was some confusion about timing, so communication will be improved next year. The event was held at FHA fields, which are free

except for insurance. Next year, the new schoolyard might be used. Feedback is welcome to make it better.

4th grade parents were reminded to start planning early for 5th grade events like graduation and yearbook since they need many volunteers.

E. 2025 - 2026 School Year PA Initiatives

- a. Safer Recess: Asphalt Green
- b. Safe Streets
- c. Fall Community Fair

The PA is planning a big Community Fair in the fall with games, inflatables, and booths to bring the community together and raise money. They'll invite local leaders and might offer tours of the new school building. Halloween will still happen but as a smaller, easier event called "trunk or treat."

d. Volunteer Email Distro

To get more help from parents, PA will create a volunteer email list so people can pitch in when they're available without making a big commitment.

F. May Fundraiser Recap:

- a. Mother's Day
- b. Snack Train

G. June Fundraisers

a. 6/23 Final Snack Train

The last snack train will be on June 23 to clear out leftover snacks, selling items for \$1 to \$5, including ice cream and popsicles.

The Father's Day sale is on June 13, with ice cream sold the same day. More volunteers are needed to help and make sure kids buy gifts before treats.

Unclaimed lost and found items in good condition are donated to local Queens charities.

V. Discussion

VI. Adjournment

A. End recording