



PS 174 PA General Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026, 6 p.m., via Zoom

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

Attendees (26): Natalie Ng, Michele Cheng, Jason Wand, Ying Liu, Silvia Germosen, Erin Branum, Julius Lee, Karla Fuentes, Nelly Ng Tam, Khadija Adusei, Hannah Trager, Mary Beth Whitelaw, Evelyn Crespo-Zambrano, Katerina Zuniga, Jen Tse, Katerine Gambill, Meriem, Sonia, Rebecca, Karina Chow, Dana, Carmen DelCid, Maria Ramirez, Julius L. Rachel Caracci Parent Coordinator.

I. Call to Order

- A. Start recording
- B. Read previous minutes

II. President's Report

- A. School Leadership Team (SLT) report
 - a. iPad safety & Security - looking forward to having some blocks on things - blocking Youtube possibly - does that also block the teachers too is a concern.
 - b. Make sure the barriers are around on time - the whole point is for the street to be closed - so arriving early before the barriers then leaving still puts the kids at risk. (Defeats the whole purpose of the street being closed.
 - c. Option for different program instead of chess which will no longer be offering it at our school. SLT is putting together a survey to find what parents would be interested in - whether chess or coding or another enrichment program. One comment was that dance was offered a lot so maybe finding a different type of enrichment program like coding or techno-lego building.
 - d. Class size (construction dependent) & science cluster - approval for teacher for science cluster - have superintendent's okay but final budgets have not come out yet.
- A. Safety Committee- Greg
 - a. Last meeting March 3rd, discussed:
 - b. Drills - teachers had some confusion over protocols for different types of drills. There was a false alarm and there was some confusion during the false alarm. There was a smell in the school so the fire department came.
 - c. Hooks are good but some teachers still need them, should be rectified this month.
 - d. Construction - started staging in March. Hoping to make progress over Spring break.

- e. Traffic safety: People are still driving a little bit crazy at pick up and drop off.
- f. Safety reports - ORS reports have been relatively low, mostly levels 1 and 2.
There are 5 different levels - 1–5, increase in severity as numbers get higher.

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Monthly report: Balance, upcoming bills, residencies

Treasurer's Report March 2026

Total Available Balance in Chase	\$38,756.48
Total Available Balance in Paypal	
Income	
Magic Show (last total 3,695 3/1/26 Plus cash sales	\$335 \$475
K-Pop Sing a Long	\$2,107
Little Pulp Fundraiser	\$150
Winter Concert Breakfasts	\$350
Love Train (Class of '27 Fundraiser)	\$2,468
5th Grade Dues (\$860 Cash & \$460 Check)	\$1,340
Winter Holiday Market Pt 3	\$243
Lunar Train	\$1,891
PS 174 Dues	\$50
M&S donation 3/1/26	\$1,000
TOTAL income	\$10,409

Expenses	
Ballroom Dancing Residency (dancing classrooms from 5th grade budget)	\$5,000
5th Grade graduation package	\$4,163
School camera and stand	\$525.85
Winter Concert Breakfast Food	\$226.08
Lunar New Year Assembly	\$2,475.00
Lunar Train snack reimburse	\$702.61
2026-2027 Student Planners	\$1,306
Read-a-thon prizes	\$35
TOTAL expenses	14,433.54

Change in safe
 Quarters & Dimes: \$55
 Nickels: \$38
 Pennies: \$11
 Random: \$3.85
 \$107.85

IV. Business

- A. Scholastic Book Fair Recap: (Thank you Karla for organizing!). Decided to change things up this year by moving it to the Springtime, so kids would have books before spring break. Made the decision not to do the little fun items (pens, erasers, diaries). For the volunteers it was less stressful since the kids were focused on books but not the other little things. For next year's bookfair, consider donating money to share the fare for kids who are a bit short to get a book (either didn't calculate tax or didn't have funds to purchase a book). This year ended up giving out fifteen books through it. Three days was comfortable the 4th day was probably not needed. Scholastic does give you a bonus for doing multiple Book Fairs, that the school can use including school supplies.

- B. Field Day (tentative 5/28–5/29) - after Eid holiday on Wednesday, so that Thursday and Friday. This year not going to FHYAA - since we have the beautiful new school yard since 1. It's a bit more cost effective, and 2. It's a bit hard on the teachers to move the kids to the fields and back 3. There are bathrooms so the little ones can go if they need to. Ask the building if we could maybe get a mister since it can get quite hot. Asphalt green also offers assistance during Field Day. Steve W is planning out the Field Day activities. G&T may have a field trip that Friday so may require some creative scheduling. Requests for volunteers going out soon.
- C. PA Board Elections (In Person 5/4)- Positions opening up include: President, Treasurer, Co-Secretary. You can also run as co-Secretary or co-Treasurer. Vice President roles may also be open. Info about each role available in the PS 174 P.A. Bylaws: <https://ps174pa.org/bylaws/> Will be pizza and M&S staff will help watch kids in the old cafeteria. Currently all positions are open. SLT description from Karla - SLT is more on the policy side and less on the fundraising/fun side. Meet w/ the principal and teachers about policy-related topics in the school, including testing, safety, etc.
- D. Fundraising & events: PA needs LEADERS+volunteers to spearhead events, sign up using [this link](#))
 - a. Career Day (4/22): Ying: Ms. Caracci sent the sign up forms - about 14 signed up so far. Plus fire-fighters. 16 Presenters in the end. Should be able to cover all of the classes. Small presentation 20-30 minutes to each individual classroom. Small market - though only one student signed up so far - if anyone wants to set up a booth more than welcome to.
 - b. Parent's Night out with Rego Park's Best (Saturday 4/25): FREE for parents, fundraiser is a fun activity for 2 hours. For every child that signs up Rego Park's Best gives back \$20 for each kid that attends.
 - c. Caregiver Sale (5/8) (Mother's / Father's Day combo sale).
- E. Fifth Grade Committee
 - a. Updates: They have scheduled their field trip (bowling in June). Have also scheduled their picnic. Committees all formed for year-end activities.

V. Discussion

- a. Evening parent engagement events: Jason: Dr. Lewis is going to try to write in some things for next year. Consideration is budget to pay teachers to come in after hours.
- b. Question about the new web cam. Can we use it to record some of the residencies / Livestream? Issue is that Dr. Lewis is very mindful of Photography only way is if every parents signed the waiver.
- c. Book Exchange is happening this Friday and Saturday - please bring your books any day this week before Friday. Gently used books. Please don't donate informative stuff (since info could be outdated). Are accepting adult books - like cook books so please keep appropriate for kids.

VI. Adjournment

- A. End recording