



# The PTA of P.S. 154

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## Meeting Minutes for PTA General Meeting

Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30p on Zoom

Jimmy Schementi, PTA President

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY, MAY 3, 8:30a at PS154**

Meeting Slides:  PTA General Meeting 2024-03-27

## Upcoming Events:

### **Holi Celebration**

~~Thursday, March 28th ✨~~

Friday, April 5 (rescheduled due to rain forecast)

### **Spirit Day: SMarch Madness (sports/Music shirts)**

Thursday 3/28

### **Easter Weekend**

School Closed Fri. 3/29 - Mon. 4/1

### **Spring Afterschool & Clubs Start**

Tuesday, April 2

### **Field Day T-Shirt Pre-Order Deadline**

Monday, April 8

### **Eid al-Fitr**

School Closed Wednesday, April 10

### **Spirit Day: Silly Hair/Hat Day**

Friday, April 19

## **Auction Results:**

Auction was a success! Thanks Alice Lincoln and all who made it happen!

Goal \$35,000 **we raised \$35,997**

## **Principal's Update:**

Music shares for 2nd term finished today

5th Graders are in The Talk with Rachel Lotus - parent workshop had a great turnout

Field Days are in May, Science Week & Egg Drop in May

Safety at drop off reminders: please don't block steps into school yard - don't block traffic

**ELA testing dates:**

3rd and 4th: April 11 & 12

5th grade: April 16 & 17

**Math testing dates:**

3rd & 4th May 7, 8, 9

5th Grade: May 9 & 10

**Elections:**

Nominations will be at our next general meeting on Friday, May 3rd

Elections will be on Wednesday, May 29th - either remote or in person, if in person the date/time may change

**Funding Numbers** - we are at \$55,000 in our annual fund as of end of February which is as expected

Order your shirt for field day before April 8th! It's available in adult sizes!

**Budget Update (Alina):**

Latest budget (as of 2/29) PTA Budget 2023-2024

Income \$181K / Expenses \$99K / Net \$82K

Annual fund is at ~\$55K net (38% of goal)

that includes Benevity

Read-a-thon net \$36.1K (after CC fees)

Today - VOTE to increase Spring Gala budget

Proposal: Increase expense line from \$4K to \$8.5K

**Gala update (Grace):**

Parent only event, we want to cover double the amount of attendees as last year

Includes open bar and food for guests

Projected net income at \$4K - so spending more but hopefully making more, and this goal is conservative, may add raffle, corporate sponsors, multiple ticket options

Looking to make this more of a community event as well as a fundraising event

We won't need as many volunteers for this style of event

**Fundraising Update:**

Generations Campaign: please send email addresses of extended family and video testimonials to Nicole DiSchino by April 1st - there will be emails sent, an ice cream social at school, etc. to help reach out to broader families/networks

**Spring Afterschool session starts Tuesday, April 2**

**5th Grade (Chino):**

Class of 2024 shirts have arrived will be distributed in backpacks next week

Class photo weather permitting on Wednesday April 3rd in the class shirts, which will also be the day they find out about their middle school offers

5th Grade Bash on Saturday June 1 - if you have any connections to vendors etc ways to help reach out to Chino

Chess Tournament Committee - interested? Reach out to Sarah Gartenberg!

Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10 will send email to school community asking for donations next Tuesday April 2

**Participatory Budgeting Update:**

Tana did a great job putting this together - it's on the PB ballot for a **cafeteria renovation to make it a more pleasant space to be in**

We need to get out the vote! Anyone over 11 years old in is District 39 can vote April 6-14

**School Survey Due April 5th!** Paper forms were sent home, or you can do it online

Results are anonymous - school only finds out who completed surveys, not their answers

It can impact the school's budget indirectly because it can affect enrollment

Some questions are general DOE, but many are school specific

We are trying to incentivize participation

**Chess Tournament date TBD** May 4 or May 19

**Science Fair is May 19** - could work to be together with Chess but might be difficult to wrangle kids

**Generations Ice Cream Social** can be with an event or can be during the school day around lunch