



The PTA of P.S. 154

1625 11th Avenue, Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, NY 11215

pta_info@ps154.org


<https://www.ps154.org>

Meeting Minutes for PTA General Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 (on zoom)

Jimmy Schementi, PTA President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY OCTOBER 27, 8:30a in PS154 MMR

Meeting Slides:  PTA General Meeting 2023-10-04

Upcoming Events

- Picture Day 10/11
- Kindergarten Parent Social 10/11 at Krupa Grocery
- Boo Bash 10/21 at School - buy tickets here:
<https://www.ps154.org/shop/back-to-school-carnival-sept-23-y69zz>
 - We need volunteers for Boo Bash - sign up here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4EAFAD22A2FB6-boobash?useFullSite=true#/>
- Fun Run 10/28 in Prospect Park

Meet the Board

Sign up for a committee:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSwe9SmxSBfTkp10S4AcYUpfoExrX0v6AMmO4N6WP1kwb5jq/viewform>

Budget Vote

Alina Hurtado, PTA Treasurer

Voted in May for provisional budget to begin operating

Fewer classrooms this year, less needed for classroom support

Adding The Talk NYC program for 5th grade

Setting higher goal for Annual Fund Donations from Families

\$350 in direct giving per student is our goal - overall PTA spend is \$700 per student

Vote approved budget by more than half of attendees

Open Positions - elections at next meeting

Chair of Events - Food Coordination
Chair of Community Building Events
4 Member at Large Positions for New Families
Election will be on 10/27, 8:30a at school

Principal Update

5th Grade Families have welcome letters with my school account info - sent home in folders today to get started with middle school
Thank you to all who helped with flooding cleanup
Music program is going very well

Programs and Enrichment

1/3 of PTA funds go to music program, another 1/3 for arts, dance, science, the rest goes to teacher support, recess coaching, reading and writing curriculum, community building

Please donate what you can!

Stay Connected through our weekly newsletter - emailed out on Tuesdays, and available on the school website at ps154.org/news - will be a backpack mailer also this year

New Business?

Alex M: What is the backup plan if the direct giving goal isn't met?

Jimmy: We can go into reserves, and we have before. We could spend more and could spend less if goals aren't met. We can throw more events. We ask families who can give more to consider giving more.

Alex M: Does the PTA prioritize what it needs to spend money on?

Jimmy: Priorities can be gleaned from budget, the budget has expected expenses, we can dip into reserves - they are there for adjustments as needed

Samantha: What's the PTA's philosophy on how aggressive to be with fundraising? 154 seems less aggressive than other schools.

Jimmy: It's been a flow, depends on the people we have. We are finding ways to increase annual fund goal through direct giving. We can do more with fundraising and we want to set a high mark and go beyond it this year.

Samantha: Some employers will match donations, check with yours!