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PS 20 PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom

Brett Masterson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Present via Zoom: Executive Board members Sarah Durand McGuigan, Brett Masterson, Zainab Abedin, Aaron Safane, and Amanda Bonavita were among 30+ total participants, constituting a quorum.

Welcome & Introductions

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- PTA Updates + Events
- PTA Committee Updates
- Volunteer Requests
- May + June Calendars
- PTA Executive Board Elections
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Contact at board@ps20.org

Budget Overview

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[Budget details as of 4/30]

The PTA's fiscal year ends June 30, and the PTA Board will be formulating the budget for the 2025-2026 school year to present next month.

Our fundraising goal was \$100,000, but it has been raised to \$200,000. We have raised \$93,000, but we are anticipating a high level of support through fundraising initiatives like the upcoming LOVE BALL.

Email treasurer@ps20.org with any questions.

Updates & Events

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In the last month, the PTA has spearheaded and funded these initiatives:

- Spring Planting - had great turnout
- Teacher Appreciation - glowing feedback from teachers and staff
- Burritos and Baseball - fundraisers with Chipotle and the Brooklyn Cyclones
- Cinco de Mayo - The International Families Committee hosted a celebration

The LOVE BALL, the PTA's largest fundraiser of the year, is here! Our Auction goal was \$20,000, and we have already surpassed our goal. Limited edition merch will be sold at the event, and the Knicks' playoff game will be shown, so no one has to miss the event.

The Social Justice Run will be May 29 in Fort Greene Park, and is being coordinated by David Prisitín. The funds raised will go back to PS 20 to fund JEDI initiatives throughout the school year. Volunteers are needed for various roles throughout the day.

The PS 20 Talent Show will be May 30 at 5pm in the Auditorium. Volunteers are needed for backstage help, program design, and run-of-show, please email dchung4@schools.nyc.gov

DLP Survey

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The DLP (Dual Language Program) survey was launched May 6, to gather feedback on the program, and will close May 20. PS 20 received a grant for an intern for next school year. If you could offer to house the intern, please email the PTA Board [board@ps20.org]. We are launching a DLP Committee for the 2025-2026 school year.

PTA Committee Updates

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- International & Multicultural Families
 - Cinco de Mayo Celebration was a great success
 - Upcoming: West Indian Heritage Celebration

- Looking for new committee leads for next year
 - FREE English Language classes for caregivers available, for more info email analourdes@ps20.org
- Community Support and Service
 - The Community Closet is fully stocked for the summer in the Family Room, #126
 - Help keep the closet stocked with the [Closet Wishlist](#)
- Fundraising
 - One day until the LOVE BALL
 - The Silent Auction ends on May 17
 - New York Liberty game June 1
- STEAM
 - The CinemaKidz videos are in-house
 - Volunteers needed to help with experiments with 1st grade class
 - Typing class is going well with Mr. Adam, and will be doing more 3D printing now that state testing is done
 - Planning next year's programming for the school day and after school
- Green Arts
 - We should have plenty of honey in the fall
 - Will be volunteer opportunities in the gardens, compost, and helping with the bees through end of school year and the summer
- Library
 - Summer book swap June 11 + 13
 - Please only share books in good condition
 - Read-a-thon fundraising will go back to the library
- Rainbow Club
 - Drag Story Hour event was a hit, lots of great questions from students
 - Marching in the Brooklyn Pride parade June 14
- Safe Streets
 - Bike Hangout in the PS 20 play yard May 17

Join committees on Konstella.

Upcoming Volunteer Support Opportunities & Events

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- LOVE BALL: May 16
- Career Day: May 28
- Social Justice Run: May 29
- Talent Show: May 30

Upcoming Calendars

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- May 16: FaLP, LOVE BALL
- May 26: Memorial Day, No school
- May 28: Career Day
- May 29: Social Justice Run
- May 30: Talent Show
- June 5+6: No School
- June 12: 3K Step-Up Ceremony
- June 13: Pre-K Step-Up Ceremony
- June 19: Juneteenth, No school
- June 20: Grade 5 Graduation
- June 26: Last Day of School

There are many camp and summer experiences available in the LOBE BALL Silent Auction

Calendars: <https://www.ps20.org/calendar>

PTA Board Elections

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- Election Committee: Laurel Pinson (Chair), Erika Reid, Kyle Gates
- Overview of what PTA Board does
- Make sure your name is showing in Zoom
- Parent Coordinator Karen Colon validated eligibility of voters
 - Quorum is met
- [Introduction of nominees](#)
- Open floor to nominations
- No nominations from the floor
- Voting is by anonymous Zoom Poll administered by Laurel Pinson

Motion: Sarah Durand McGuigan made a motion to accept the slate of nominees for the 2024-2025 PTA Board:

- Co-Presidents: Sarah Durand McGuigan & Brett Masterson
- Vice President: Lindsay Clinton
- Recording Secretary: Jassine Chrisphonte Rios & Sarah Swift
- Correspondence Sect'y: Trudy Chan
- Treasurer: Belinda Maldonado & Alan Feldman
- Financial Secretary: Elizabeth Porrata
- Parliamentarian: Jonathan Fishner
- Parent Outreach: Zainab Abedin

For banking purposes, the four bank signers shall have the following titles:

- Sarah Durand McGuigan: Secretary
- Brett Masterson: Acting Secretary
- Alan Feldman: Acting Secretary
- Belinda Maldonado: Acting Secretary

The motion was seconded by Aaron Safane and approved by a unanimous vote of eligible PTA members present via anonymous Zoom poll.

Principal's Update - Ms. Blyden

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Career Day is May 28, contact Parent Coordinator, Karen Colon, if you would like to present to the students. The Social Justice Run will be May 29, and the PS 20 Talent Show, run by Mr. Chung is May 30.

Q&A

Q: Can you talk a little about all of the assemblies the school has been having? My child loves them.

PS 20 received grant monies for the spring term, and Ms. Blyden, Ms. Rivera, and Ms. Dembert looked at various organizations to partner with to focus on international cultures to support the IB curriculum and international mindedness. Assemblies are held in two parts: grades 3K-1 and grades 2-5. Students have participated in Latin music and dance, Japanese dance, and Indian dance with Anja. On May 20 there will be an African dance and drumming performance, and on May 27, African dance master classes for grades 2-5, who do not have dance class with Mr. Chung this year. On June 4, there will be an assembly with Hip Hop Adventures. The Brooklyn Nets will be hosting a basketball clinic for grades 4 + 5.

Q: If I volunteered for Career Day, what do I do?

Volunteers will be visiting classrooms - based on occupation, you will be matched up with a class. If you have equipment to bring or a uniform to wear, anything that can give an insight into your work, please do. Career Day is an important part of college and career readiness, to give students exposure to various career paths.

Thank you to Julie-Ann Cavallo-Fleming for spearheading the Utopia Lab.

Thank you to the current PTA Board members for their support and to the Nominating Committee for finding the new members that will help with PS 20's vision and mission.

Wrap Up

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- All PTA meetings' recordings and minutes are posted at <http://ps20.org> and shared on Konstella
- Purchase PS20 merchandise (hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts etc.) at <https://www.ps20.org/merchandise>

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. Motion presented by Sarah Duran McGuigan, seconded by Brett Masterson.