# AMENDED Minutes of the PTA General Meeting

September 30, 2025
Meeting convened at 9:00 am
MS 447 Cafeteria, The Math & Science Exploratory School Public School 447

**Attendees:** *PTA Executive Board Members: Shauna Gray, Angela Chew, Nicole Whitsett, Ariana Kahn, Nancy Nayar, and Esra Dayani; Principal Arin Rusch, Parent Coordinator Amy Sirot. Quorum is present with more than twenty parent attendees; sign-in sheets on file.*

***Following is a true record of the meeting based on the published agenda. Italicized text is a record of proceedings; official meeting business is highlighted: Nancy Ziegler Nayar, PTA Co-Secretary 2025-6,*** ***ptasecretariesms447@gmail.com***

***AMENDED October 23, 2025 - The name of a candidate for PTA Co-Treasurer, Mikael Sheikh, was inadvertently omitted from the minutes. I have corrected the error; amendments are shown below.***

I. WELCOME & SIGN IN

- Please sign in with your name, child's name, grade: Important for today's voting.

*Meeting commenced with attendees' introductions with name, child's name and grade.*

*Invitation for Teachers attending to speak and present:*
*– 6th grade ELA teacher - TK [add email Yellow shirt]*
- *7th grade Math -TK [new parent with 4 year old]*
- *7th grade ELA - TK [blue shirt]*

*Communicated in English and Spanish that Spanish-speaking teachers are here to support the community. A parent comment invited teachers to ask parents for supplies and wishlists. Principal Arin noted that teachers always have the school's supplies; when they run low towards the end of the year, teachers may reach out to parents.*

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2025 MINUTES - *Tabled for next meeting, inadvertently omitted due to election.*

- Vote to approve June PTA General Meeting Minutes: Notes Here.

III. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Introductions, Calendar/Roles/Meeting Protocol (Presentation Review)
- PTA open positions
  - Vice President, Fundraising (1 position open): Oversee fundraising efforts, including those helping students and staff, Spring Auction, Annual Appeal, t-shirt sales, etc.
    - Tracey Greenidge
  - Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (1 position open): Oversee PTA activities to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion, manage translators for PTA general meetings and as needed, etc.
    - Maria del Rosario Maita
    - Paul Seamus Ryan
    - *Will serve as co-officers*
  - Co-Secretary
    - Chris Sinderson
  - Co-Treasurer (2 positions open): Collaborate with principal on PTA budget, manage budget/reimbursements/bills, report on budget at general meetings, etc.
    - *Self-nominated from the floor:* Sara Bruning
    - ***Self-nominated prior to meeting:* Mikael Sheikh**
    - ***Previously elected Treasurer Angela Chew resigns to become Co-President***
  - PTA Co-President who would partner with PTA Co-President Shauna Gray to run monthly general and board meetings, attend monthly School Leadership Team (SLT) and Presidents Council meetings, etc.
    - *Self-nominated from the floor: Angela Chew.*
    - *Resigns from Co-Treasurer position.*

*At 9:18am, MOTION to elect the full slate was seconded. Slate unanimously approved, none opposed, no abstentions.*

- Call for committee volunteers (Fundraising, Members-at-Large, DEI)

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Please find the budget here (https://bit.ly/PTAMS447Budget2025).

*Motion to amend the approved June budget with an additional allocation of approximately $500 for the Tech Team's supplies. Unanimously approved.*

V. FUNDRAISING

- Annual Appeal
- Other fundraising efforts (Nets Tickets, Spring Auction)

*Review of Fundraising initiatives based on presentation, and invitation to join the committee both to help with auction and fundraisers as well as community events. Noted that Liberty tickets will be available*

VI. COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

- Fall Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, look for information & signup sheet
- Other Teacher Appreciation events in Spring

*Member at Large Esra Dayani invites parents to join this committee to help with proposed events based on presentation slide. Note tentative date, Friday, November 21st for first teacher appreciation breakfast.*

VII. DEI - *no verbal report.*

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS:

*Ariana Kahn explained to parents to look for DOE communications from Amy Sirot via NYCSCHOOLS, and to join Konstella for community & parent communications. Parents should Email technology447@gmail.com if need assistance and be sure to add yourself to your child's class.*

IX. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

*We celebrate Halloween, start planning costumes now. Note ground rules for school day - no masks, no weapons, day culminates in a parade through the school and dismissal from the gym.*

*Approved half-days: October 24, 11:57 dismissal at 4th periods, 8th graders will have lunch. Children can stay for lunch always. Others will be done around Regents testing - timing to be announced. June 17th will be AM/PM (8th grade first, 6th-7th graders for 2nd portion of the day).*

*SLCs are on November 13th - Advisory or Pack Leader will help you set up your child's slot.*
*It is a Student-led Conference; if you need teacher feedback on your child, set up a different time to meet or drop in for a few minutes at teachers' designated open hour.*

*Qu: is there a calendar? Yes, look at the school website, where there is an embedded google calendar.*

X. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: *PARENT KNOWLEDGE SHARE*
Parent discussion of concerns, lessons, and thoughts, focused on hearing from parents who had kids in the grade last year. A chance to get information from someone who just went through what you're now going through.

*Shauna Gray gave Introduction to parent-share. Discussion and brief personal reports from 6-8 parents of current 7th, 8th and 9th graders about their own families' experience, with context from Amy Sirot and Arin Rausch on general things for families to expect.*

XI. NEXT MEETING
- Welcome Back Potluck October 16th in the courtyard

XII. RAFFLE

*Meeting adjourned at 10:28am*

---