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PS 282 PTO Meeting Minutes

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Jun 13, 2025

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8:30a Olivia called to order
Amy is in a district mtg, cannot attend
Thank you volunteers

President transitioning in the works
Admin will come to PTO with requests per grade for student Enrichments
Enrichment ideas from parents:

- K-ICN chess
- Cooking nutrition - 2nd - 5th?
 - [Chef Peter](#) has been partner with 282 and would be interested in teaching
- Sex ed - 4th and 5th PFLAG
- Robotics
- Stem
- 1st grade doesn't have clubs or play time they need play - maybe marquis theater
- Yoga - bk flow
- Digital literacy
- Garden
- DOE swim is rough/unorganized
- Minecraft challenge via DOE

Konstella (in addition to doe)
School supplies kits available -list coming
Need vols for supply distribution
Trying to work on beginning of school experience
Afterschool providers for gaps in care
133 afterschool directory

Treasurer's Report:

- 136K raised 90K spent
- 90 balance
- Wish list for Books - IB lists exist
- Hanif wants to buy 5th grade books

G&T convo

- Can ppl transfer in
- Is kindergarten g&t next year? Kids who were accepted?

9:22a Mtg Adjourned



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- Brianna McCarty discussed proposed amendment to our 282 PTO Bylaws, the amendment was motioned to be amended and approved by Rachel Griffiths and Rachel Freishler.
- The Maker Space funds will not be held in perpetuity, Ms. Rodriguez signed off that these funds can go to the general PTO fund
- IB Visit went well, positive feedback
- Enrichments for next year will be tied to units of inquiry - teachers will select one unit per grade level
- Moving forward the cap for Senior (5th grade) dues is \$125

Apr 25, 2025

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8:31 AM Olivia called the meeting to order

- Ms Campbell, Mrs. C (Admin from 282), Lisa Polanski, Meghan Dunn (D13) present
- Thank you to Christina for her advocacy in civic engagement
- Silent Auction / Parents Gone Wild recap
- Other news (basketball club, chess team, lost and found, MTA letter from Sasha - MTA hosted 75 students and were featured on News 12!)
- PTO Board Elections, Bylaws Amendment will be emailed - Rachel motioned and Tina second
 - Results:
 - Co-Presidents - Allie Esslinger, Christina Katopodis, Analía Kovacs* (to be named after amendment to by laws is passed)
 - Co-Treasurers - Steve O'Neal, Julie Hollar
 - Recording & Communications Secretary - Megan Gilbride
 - VP of Fundraising - Camille Alexander
 - Co-VP of Community - Mary and Mike Ruby
 - VP of Upper Grades - Tania Chau
- SLT Elections
 - Results:
 - Brianna McCarty, Parent (1st term)
 - Liz Rawlins, Parent (1st term)



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Jan 23, 2025

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Nov 20, 2025

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October 19, 2024

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Passcode: 0S2@wc?b

8:30 call to order (Olivia)

Presidents' Welcome

- Printed Bylaws Amendment handed out
- Went over 3 main goals and what we've done within the first 29 days to meet them

Build Community

- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment where all families feel valued and connected

Enhance Communication

- Strengthen the bond between families, teachers, and school administration through clear and open communication

Raise Funds

- Generate financial support to provide a diverse range of resources and educational programs that enrich the learning experience of our children
- Celebrity substitute- 13k music and dance supply



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- [Join a committee](#)

Treasurers Report

- 10k (7%) towards 150k
- Question around funds spent - clarification of 14k (not 40k) spent - big ticket item was bk seeds for gardening classes. TS is next
- Mtg yesterday w Hanif's office - how to get \$ from district and borough.
- Participatory
- District cap improvements
- Borough
- Need parent involvement to get this \$, Julie Hollar suggested 5th grade council go to her office and present on bathrooms

Principal's address:

- come to cafecito 10/24 open q&a session
- Cell phone policy is being created holistically
- Recess policy also being created
- Cycle of inquiry distributed
- Anxious nation - kids want free play
- Partnering with asphalt green (potential start 10/28. 6 organizations were interviewed. Support staff and add capacity to run structured games
- Cell phone policy- need holistic approach not rule and consequence
- Recess policy- running lunch time club alongside doe personnel email Amy can be any capacity
- Lunch question from K parent - kids aren't eating can parents come in
- Question around school aid Ms Rodriguez - she is receiving progressive support and discipline through her union and she will work with Asphalt Green
- Encourage chatter be sent to PTO / admin

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- Idesha - SLT - minutes will be voted on and posted by November
- 1st Tuesday of the month 2:30 open to attend as observer
- Moving Mtg to hybrid - you can join virtually
- Bylaws amended
- CEP - comprehensive education plan

Upcoming Events

- Tiffany - spoonktacular needs 15 more volunteers
- Playday cafe - crafts
- Chef Peter - caramel apples
- Wise wonder - mini pumpkins
- Join movie night committee if you have ideas and or email fundraising@282parkslope.org
- First week of November annual appeal - ask if your company matches, giving Tuesday
- Four and Twenty pie fundraiser coming in December

Ms Laing - Book of the Month

- IB themed - IB Learner profile. Student to student program. Upper classmen read to younger children. Thank you parents for funding. Book, learner profile, resources. Parents please get involved and do the exercises
- Get library card send with kid on visit day

Committee Reports:



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VP of Upper Grades - Brianna McCarty

- Middle school app season - what's app group - send your phone number to uppergrades@282parkslope.org to be added to the group
- Join panel tonight @5:30 PM in person only - Auditorium

Bergen Bike Bus

- Hilda and Dustin Goldman presented information about safe way to ride to school
- Bikebus.nyc
- Trying to make getting active transport easier

9:33 Idesha motioned to adjourn

September 19, 2024

Call to Order -

- Welcome everyone! Call meeting to order - **6:08pm**
- FYI this meeting will be recorded and distributed via the PTO website

Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve June 2024 meeting minutes (posted here <https://www.282parkslope.org/pto-meeting-minutes>) - **Seconded and approved**

Treasurer

- Budget for 2024-2025 - **Seconded (Rachel) and approved (Jenn)**
- **The PTO tries to fill in the gaps when administration cannot provide the funds, like enrichments (Tiny Scientists and Brooklyn Seeds for example) and teacher grants.**

Principal Rodriguez for the 2024-25 school year

- **574 students**
- **33 classrooms**
- **42 teachers (5 new teachers)**
- **New Assistant Principal - Ms. Campbell**
- **Application for authorization for the IB (international Baccalaureate) program at the end of the month.**
- **Goals for the year: safe and inclusive environment, building relationships across populations.**
- **Tuesday, September 24th, right after dropoff, is the first meeting with Principal Rodriguez.**

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- **Idesha (the SLT chair) gave an overview of what the PS 282 SLT does**
 - Slides attached
 - Information and feedback from parents
 - 11 members (3 of which are mandatory) and they are principal, 1 of the PTO co-presidents and the United Federation of Teachers chair (Ms. Braithwaite) and then 4 other parents and 4 teachers.
 - Goal working through the comprehensive education plan and looking at the resources, school culture, ensuring the school is servicing our people, needs of students and families are met.
 - No power in hiring or personnel decisions although they may be brought into discussion around hiring so please take any questions to administration.
 - Bringing the information back to the PTO meetings instead of asking for parents to join in on more meetings.
 - Meetings are always the first Tuesday of the month as long as there is school. The meetings run from 2:30-4 and are held in the school's library.
- **Rachel (SLT member)**
 - Creating a sub-committee to discuss the Gift and Talented program at PS282 and it will be effected with the I.B. program coming in.
 - The committed will work on reaching out to all families and how they will do that.

Committee Reports

- **Costume Exchange - Starting Monday, September 23rd, in the front of the school, bring any clean and gently worn costumes (from infants to adult sizes).**
- **Looking for volunteers to help sort the costumes on Thursday, September 26th.**
- **If you donate any costume, you can select a costume for free but if you don't you can purchase one of the costumes on Friday, September 27th for \$10 and all proceeds will go to the PTO.**
- **Election Day Bake Sale**
 - PS282 is a voting center
 - Volunteers needed for baking, selling, etc.
- **Spooktacular - October 26th**
 - We would love your help in any way.
- **Movie Night - Friday, September 27th - watching Inside Out 2**
 - Pizza and refreshments
 - It is free but asking for a \$5 donation.

Special Election - Vice President for upper grades (representing students and teachers grades 3, 4 and 5)

- **"Seniors Committee" to help with the school year ahead and what to come in middle school.**
- **Brianna McCarty is now officially voted in.**
- **Creating a spreadsheet for District 13 middle schools**
- **Field Trips to middle schools with students**
- **A "forum" on WhatsApp to get and share information. - launching on Monday, September 23rd**
- **Friday evening, October 18th, there will be a panel of 7th and 8th grade parents from PS282 to learn more about their experiences.**



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Enrichments:

- **Impact Coaching Network - Chess Team - Coach Brad - coach and program director**
 - Starting in January all kindergarten students will participate in chess in their classroom
 - 60 students are now enrolled for the Monday after school program

- **Brooklyn Seeds - Eman**
 - Focusing on nature and gardening program teaching kids about native and endangered plants and wildlife
 - Students grow their own organic food. 70% of the garden is for wildlife while the other 30% is for human consumption.
 - Identifying and growing native plants
 - PS282's garden is an intentionally "wild garden"
 - Every tree will adopt a tree and know all about their classroom tree.
 - Volunteers are always welcome
 - Lots of singing, music and social and emotional learning in the garden.
 - The after school program is on Tuesdays in the garden and in Prospect Park on Wednesdays.

- **Tiny Scientists - Julie**
 - Went to PS282 and has a child at PS282
 - Founded on the idea that children are naturally scientists
 - Belief in asking questions, working at your own speed with your own materials
 - After school program is everyday at PS282
 - Fun science experiments
 - Bi-weekly cheat sheet will be shared with parents
 - Science Fair like last year will be back this school year.

Adjournment - 7:15p