



Meeting Minutes
General Membership Meeting
ELECTION MEETING
May 14, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Held virtually over Zoom

Agenda: Linked [HERE](#)

Call to order: 7:05pm, Stacey Shick Samuels

of people in attendance at call to order = 32

Quorum.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

There is a motion to approve by Ali Civins

Second by Birsen Memet

(There are no changes, "nays," or abstentions)

Minutes are approved.

– Quick note from Ms. Wong stating that in order to be verified for the election, if you cannot change your display name, please send a chat message to Ms. Wong and she can change it for you.

When it comes time to vote, please note your camera must be on, and you must have your child's name displayed instead of your own.

Treasurer's Report - Jin

	PTA	Afterschool	Total
Opening Balance:	\$ 46,160.75	\$ 205,454.16	\$ 251,614.91
Income:	\$ 11,057.90	\$ 49,132.16	\$ 60,190.06
Expenses:	\$ (15,239.88)	\$ (55,219.59)	\$ (70,459.47)
Ending Balance:	\$ 41,978.77	\$ 199,366.73	\$ 241,345.50
Outstanding Checks:	\$ (18,854.75)	\$ (13,220.88)	\$ (32,075.63)
Projected Balance:	\$ 23,124.02	\$ 186,145.85	\$ 209,269.87

Principal's Report - Mrs. Sferrazza

- On behalf of the teachers and staff, a big thank you to everyone for Teacher Appreciation Week! The teachers and staff truly appreciate and are thankful for the community of parents and families.

Parent Coordinator Report - Melissa Lugo

- Also - thank you to all families for all of the love and appreciation shown this week. We are thankful for all of you!

ELECTION

(Meeting is turned over to the Nomination Committee - Ari Feldman speaking on behalf of NomCom)

There is a moment to finish verifying participants and to ensure cameras are turned on. Anyone not following this protocol will be moved to the waiting room during the vote.

Review of all positions and their descriptions are read

Mandatory positions:

- President, Secretary, & Treasurer.
- AEA Mandated position: After-School Program Coordinator

Non-Mandatory positions:

- Vice President

Non-PTA positions:

- SLT (2 seats available for next year)

MANDATORY POSITIONS:

Nominations for President

- Mischa Victor-Maraj & Yiu Yu (running as co-Presidents)

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Mischa & Yiu are each given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote.

Because they ran uncontested, there was no voting poll, and we provided a “voice vote” with “thumbs up,” “thumbs down.”

Vote passes and Mischa & Yiu are voted in as the new PTA Co-Presidents

Nominations for Secretary

- Fernanda Ades

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Fernanda is given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote.

Because she ran uncontested, there was no voting poll, and we provided a “voice vote” with “thumbs up,” “thumbs down.”

Vote passes and Fernanda is voted in as the new PTA Secretary

Nominations for Treasurer

- Wafeeq Zakariyya

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Wafeeq is given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote.

Because he ran uncontested, there was no voting poll, and we provided a “voice vote” with “thumbs up,” “thumbs down.”

Vote passes and Wafeeq is voted in as the new PTA Treasurer

Nominations for ASP Coordinator

- Jing Wu, Nour El Houda Thoumani, & Michelle Park - running together as 3 Co-positions

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Each person is given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote.

Because they ran uncontested, there was no voting poll, and we provided a “voice vote” with “thumbs up,” “thumbs down.”

Vote passes and all three women are voted as the new PTA ASP Coordinators

NON-MANDATORY POSITIONS

Nominations for Vice President

- Arisha Waas & Michelle Gandhi

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Each person is given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote.

Because they ran uncontested, there was no voting poll, and we provided a “voice vote” with “thumbs up,” “thumbs down.”

Vote passes and Arisha & Michelle are voted in as new PTA co-Vice Presidents

Nominations for SLT Seats (two seats available)

- Sonia Sisodia
- Kira Garvin Lerman
- Alison Hokanson

No other nominations are presented from the floor.

Each person is given the opportunity to speak to the community before the vote. (Michelle Gandhi reads a statement on behalf of Alison Hokanson who could not be in attendance)

(School staff is moved to the waiting room before the actual vote/poll begins. They are not allowed to vote)

- Round 1 of voting: **Sonia Sisodia wins** the first round and takes the first available SLT seat for next year.
- Round 2 of voting: Kira Garvin Lerman has won the second SLT seat for next year.

Ari wishes a big Congratulations to everyone who was voted into these new positions. We appreciate your commitment to the school community, and a thank-you to the other nominating committee members who worked hard to put together all of the materials leading up to the election and making it run so smoothly.

And thank you to all members who showed up tonight to vote for our next group of school leaders.

ELECTION ENDS

-meeting is handed back over to Stacey

OLD BUSINESS

- **Read-A-Thon** starts Wednesday May 20th - 30th! We already have a large number of students signed up, so please sign up if you haven't yet! Prizes will be given to the top class, and top readers in each grade. All students will receive a participation prize regardless.
- **1st Day School Supplies** - Please see the email that was sent out. This is a hassle-free way to have all of your supplies for next year delivered in one box, directly to the school, and ready for your child on the first day. The PTA also gets a portion of the proceeds!

- **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** - Is going on in our school this week! We thank you ALL so much for everything you have done (through star-making, donations of gifts, etc.) to help us show our teachers how much we appreciate them! We were able to provide lots of meals and events throughout the week, including a new refrigerator for the staff lounge! And thank you to the volunteers who helped in the school this week with teacher breakfast, lunch, snack day, decorating, and more! All time given was greatly appreciated!
- **Scholastic Book Fair** was a GREAT success! It was our first time in a very long time using scholastic and there was so much positive feedback. We hope to use them again next year!
 - We took in \$8,000 in cash, and \$4,000+ in credit card sales.
 - Scholastic gives back either 50% of what you purchase, in scholastic dollars, or 25% back in actual cash. We chose to take our profit as Scholastic Dollars, and therefore made \$6,736.94. The school can spend these "scholastic bucks" which can be used for many things for the school.
- **Mets Night** - All the tickets have been sold! Thanks to all who purchased tickets! Please stay tuned to your emails on how to access your tickets. You will need to download the official MLB Ballpark app to get your tickets. We will see you there! Let's Go Mets!
- **Little Pulp Sketchbook Fundraiser** - The FINAL deadline to purchase is TOMORROW! Get them before it's too late! And it's great to give back to both Frank Kiernan, *and* the PTA. Sketchbooks will be delivered on June 18 and will be distributed to your students in school.
- **Annual Appeal** - We've actually not come very close to our target this year, and understand it's been a tough year for many, but if you are able, please remember we are still accepting donations through the end of the school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Budget Preview/Review** - to be voted on at the next June meeting for the following year.
- **Kona Ice Truck** - will visit our students during school on Friday, May 29th (same day as Mets night). The kids LOVE Kona Ice day and are looking forward to it! We will be sending out a notification with all nutrition/allergen information if you have concerns or need to provide a different treat for your child that day. Stay tuned, we will be also asking for volunteers.
- **Year-End Jamboree!** - will be during the school day on June 25th for the students. It's a fun carnival day of games, and music! We will also be asking for volunteers, so stay tuned for that email forthcoming.

SLT Report - given by Adia Tucker

- Last month we had a parent join to open a discussion about the art curriculum and ideas for furthering the art enrichment of our students, and a general request from parents to see more artwork from our students. Some great ideas were discussed so stay tuned and the SLT plans how to move forward. It was discovered that the school has a pottery kiln, which might be a new opportunity for the students if we have volunteers that may know how to use it or lead that project. Stay tuned for more updates.
- School artwork is usually displayed in the school, but parents will see it start to come home earlier in the year this year.

- The SLT is reviewing all goals so that they can be updated for next year. The one goal that was the focus this time was Priority #2 - stating all students are physically and emotionally safe. So the plan of action is working on lowering the amount of OORS Reports - Online Occurring Reporting System. This is whenever there is an incident at school, whether it's an accident and a child falls, or to more severe intentional incidents, an OORS report needs to be filled out. The SLT is working on lowering the amount of intentional reports that are reported (such as unkind language or physical altercations used at another student). More to come on that as the SLT continues to craft that goal.
- The school was recognized as a 2026 Respect For All school for District 28! We should all be proud and congratulations!

ASP Report - Ali Civins

- Congrats to all new board, and thanks to the current board for all you've done!
- We are wrapping up all year-end logistics including wrapping up payments to vendors.
- There will be a meeting on May 28th to discuss important things about next year's enrollment for ASP. Stay tuned for an email with more information.

ABC Report - Sonia Sisodia

There will be an assembly sponsored by the ABC for the whole school on June 9, which is Flushing Town Hall. If anyone is interested in learning more about the ABC, please email them. We'd love to have more involved and join our group!

Final Remarks - Our next meeting will be June 11th on ZOOM. We will invite our incoming new Pre-K/Kinder families to join our meeting.

Thanks to everyone - we had a great turnout tonight!

Congrats to the new board members, and thank you to our Nominating Committee for making the election run so smoothly!

Meeting Adjourned - 8:35pm