

PTA PS K 134 –Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 18, 2025

I. Introductions

a. Board Members

Jotham Sederstrom – Co-President	Yim Yeung – Co-President
Hanna Weitzman-Flanigan— Co-Vice President	Candace Cummings— Co-Vice President
Re-An Pasia— Co-Treasurer	Amir Husain— Co-Treasurer
Hiroko Nishimura—Co-Secretary	Christina Jones— Co-Secretary

b. School Leadership Team (SLT) Members

- i. Quinn Bommer
- ii. Silvia Mosso
- iii. Sabina Baazova

II. **Guest Speaker**, Erica Storms of [Irvin Simon Photography Inc.](#)

a. Picture Day this year is **Friday, October 10, 2025**

b. **All students photographed:** Every student will have their picture taken; no pre-ordering or pre-sign up is required.

c. **Ordering Process:**

- i. Parents will receive a one-page proof sheet with a unique code to access photos online.
- ii. Orders can be customized online with different packages, poses, and backgrounds. Erica mentioned that the print package offers the best value.
- iii. Photos can also be purchased à la carte.

d. **Deadline Clarification:** The date printed on the proof sheet is for fundraising tally purposes only and is **not** an ordering deadline. There is no ordering deadline.

e. **Order Confirmation & Support:**

- i. Parents receive an email confirmation after purchasing.
- ii. Customer support is available through Irvin Simon's Customer Care (phone, email or call back request). They respond within 24 hours, typical turnaround is usually closer to 4 hours.

f. **Retakes:**

- i. A retake day will be held at school.
- ii. Parents may also schedule retakes at Irvin Simon's office.

g. **Photographers:** full-time staff, undergo monthly background checks.

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Re-an Pasia

a. **Starting Balance:** \$7,326.74 for the current year.

- i. The PTA's budget remains tight but has shown significant improvement over the three years the PTA has been in operation.
 1. As of June 2024, the PTA balance was \$4,385.08
- ii. Additional funds are expected once the membership dues letter is sent to parents.

b. **Fundraising Update:**

- i. A 4th bake sale has been added this year to support fundraising efforts.

c. **Parent Involvement**

- i. Increased parent participation is needed to strengthen fundraising and budget goals.
- d. We added a 4th bake sale to help with fundraising efforts.
- e. To increase our efforts we need more parents to get involved.
 - i. Parents were given an opportunity today to sign up to volunteer
 - ii. Parents can also email the PTA at 22k134pa@schools.nyc.gov or fill in our [Volunteer Form](#) if they'd like to volunteer.

IV. First Bake Sale for **Friday, October 24, 2025**

- a. Parents are encouraged to volunteer

V. Principal Report and Title I Report from Principal Darrell

- a. Title I Report
 - i. Title I funding is available through the Every Student Succeeds Act for schools with 40% of students or more come from households below a certain income threshold.
 - 1. Our school qualifies as most families have annual incomes of \$65,000-\$70,000 per year.
 - ii. Funding Supports additional morning and afternoon programming including:
 - 1. State Exam preparations
 - 2. Language support for English as a second language students
 - 3. Assistance for multi-lingual learners
 - iii. **Testing Information**
 - 1. The state test window begins after spring break and lasts approximately 4 weeks.
 - 2. Grades 3-5: one-week testing window for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math (dates TBD)
 - 3. Grade 5: additional statewide science test.
- b. **Test Scores: Citywide and Schoolwide**
 - i. Citywide proficiency improved. 56.3% of students are proficient in ELA and 56.9% of students are proficient in math.
 - ii. Schoolwide test scores also improved. We have a proficiency rate of 75.5% in ELA and 95.5% proficient rate in Math.
- c. **Clubs**
 - i. Clubs are available during the school day for grades 3-5.
 - ii. Clubs are in lieu of recess.
- d. **Assessments & Learning Tools**
 - i. **I-Ready Assessments** are also performed citywide three times a year
 - 1. The school pays for access to the I-ready platform throughout the year so kids have more exposure to the platform.
 - ii. **RazKids:** The school also pays for access to Razkids, which is an interactive reading program/app
 - 1. Contact your child's teacher for access.
- e. **Parent Workshops - Elevate**
 - i. The school pays for 5-10 elevate workshops for parents on a range of topics such as, homework help, ways to study, how to address state test anxiety, how to navigate social media, etc.
- f. **2 new DOE Mandates**
 - i. No Cell Phone/Digital Device Policy
 - 1. Cell phones, smart watches, and personal tablets must be secured during the class day and returned at dismissal.
 - 2. Students are on the honor system to turn them in.
 - 3. The school has ordered lockers and pouches to secure electronics and they are on backorder.

4. Consequences for failing to lock up an electronic device are located in the student handbook
 5. Exceptions for children with medical emergencies or 504 plans (for students with disabilities), they would be permitted to have their phone.
 6. Approximately 10 fifth graders have cell phones, (typically students who walk to school unaccompanied by a parent or adult).
- ii. Temperature Mandate
1. If a classroom, lunch room, or gym is warmer than 88 degrees, students must be relocated.
 2. **Impacts:**
 - a. Summer lunch periods (basement has no A/C)
 - b. Dance & Music Festivals held in the gymnasium (may need new venues)
 - c. Stepping up ceremonies for 5th graders & Kindergartners
 - i. For Fifth graders, the school is considering having the stepping up ceremony at a middle school in our district.
 - ii. For kindergarten, the stepping up ceremony will likely be held in the classroom.
 3. The school received 2 A/C units for classrooms last year.
 4. School has obtained estimates for A/C in the main lunchroom and gymnasium: \$37,000 to get HVAC in both spaces excluding the costs for rewiring. The school is a landmarked building, which contributes to cost.

g. Past Initiatives

- i. School has not yet received funding from Councilmember Rita Joseph for the bathroom renovation and extending the back fence.
- ii. The school is considering participatory budgeting and discretionary funding opportunities made available by the NYC Council.
- iii. **Halal program:** Year 2 underway, but there is low participation.
- iv. **Trips and Excursions**
 1. At least 1 trip per grade level per year is strongly encouraged by the DOE and school (minimum expectation).
 2. Planned Trips Include:
 - a. Science Teacher, Ms. Ander, is planning a trip to a local farm
 - b. Music Teacher, Ms. Mayo, is planning a trip to Carnegie Hall
 - c. 2nd Grade: Puppet Works, The Met, and the Zoo
 - d. Kindergarten (last year): neighborhood walk & visit to our local library on 18th.
 3. **Music/Art Programming:** School received 10-15 donated clarinet, keyboards available, and all 1st graders learn the recorder.
 4. School maintains partnerships with Barclays and the Nets, NY Sun works, and a local theatre.
 5. Transportation: All non-local trips are done by private bus only. The children do not take the train or the bus.
 6. Parent Volunteers: When there are opportunities for parents to volunteer for these trips, the school will reach out.
 7. **Restrictions:** All school trips must be at locations that do not serve alcohol.
 - a. PTA sponsored events outside of school hours are not subject to the same restrictions.
 8. PTA Events Outside of School hours:
 - a. Must obtain permits when conducted on school grounds.

VI. Attachments

- a. Meeting Agenda
- b. Financial Report
- c. Parent Dues Letter

Call to Order

- Distribution and approval of minutes
- President's Report (**JOTHAM/YIM**)
 - NIA, FDC, etc.
 - Teacher Appreciation Day in May — approved in June
 - Staff Appreciation Week in June — approved in June
 - Bus toll for Fifth Graders — approved in June
 - Kona Ice Truck for Kids — approved in June
 - \$75 training fee for Pars extra helps — approved in June
 - Bylaw changes approved, what were they?
 - Bake sale: Changing from 3 times to four times
- a. Community Education Council Update
- b. District Presidents' Council Update
- c. Survey and vote on which format PTA Meetings will be held
- d. Formation of Bylaws Committee —
- e. Vote to approve usage of PTA debit card and member responsible for its use

Old Business

New Business

- **GET VOLUNTEERS:** Bake Sale dates Oct. 24
 - Pinto or Pumpkin Patch
 - Treasurer's Report – Distribute monthly & annual financial report — **RE-AN**
 - Vote to adopt the PTA 2025-2026 working budget — **RE-AN**
 - **GUEST SPEAKER:** Irvin Simon Photography rep
 - School Leadership Team Report — **CANDACE, SABINA, QUINN, SILVIA**
 - Principal's Report/Title 1 — Principal **Darrell**
- Questions/Concern

THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF P.S. K134, INC.
Budget vs Actuals for School Year 2025-2026
as of September 16, 2025

ending balance June 30, 2025:													\$8,168.74					
	approved budget as of June 30, 2025			budget amendments as of September, 2025			budget (including amendments) as of September, 2025			actuals as of September, 2025			budget (including amendments) vs actuals as of September, 2025					
description	credit	debit	net	credit	debit	net	credit	debit	net	credit	debit	net	credit (red is revenues <i>below</i> budget)	debit (red is expenses <i>higher</i> than budget)	net (red is revenue net of expenses <i>lower</i> than budget)			
Membership Dues (Fall)	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$445.00		\$445.00	(\$2,555.00)		(\$2,555.00)			
Bake Sales (4 events)	\$2,700.00	(\$700.00)	\$2,000.00				\$2,700.00	(\$700.00)	\$2,000.00				(\$2,700.00)	\$700.00	(\$2,000.00)			
Holiday Shop	\$6,000.00	(\$3,300.00)	\$2,700.00				\$6,000.00	(\$3,300.00)	\$2,700.00				(\$6,000.00)	\$3,300.00	(\$2,700.00)			
Picture Day	\$900.00		\$900.00				\$900.00		\$900.00				(\$900.00)		(\$900.00)			
Misc. Donations/Dues (Winter)	\$100.00		\$100.00				\$100.00		\$100.00				(\$100.00)		(\$100.00)			
Scholastic Book Fair		(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)					(\$200.00)	(\$200.00)					\$200.00	\$200.00			
PTA Welcome Event		(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)					(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)					\$300.00	\$300.00			
Website Hosting Fees		(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)					(\$50.00)	(\$50.00)					\$50.00	\$50.00			
Yearbook		(\$1,800.00)	(\$1,800.00)					(\$1,800.00)	(\$1,800.00)					\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00			
Movie Night		(\$400.00)	(\$400.00)					(\$400.00)	(\$400.00)					\$400.00	\$400.00			
Staff Appreciation		(\$800.00)	(\$800.00)					(\$800.00)	(\$800.00)					\$800.00	\$800.00			
Graduation/Moving Up Décor		(\$1,400.00)	(\$1,400.00)					(\$1,400.00)	(\$1,400.00)					\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00			
President Council Dues		(\$75.00)	(\$75.00)					(\$75.00)	(\$75.00)					\$75.00	\$75.00			
Contingency/Unplanned		(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)					(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)					\$300.00	\$300.00			
SY 2024-2025 Jostens yrbk check											(\$1,287.00)	(\$1,287.00)		(\$1,287.00)	(\$1,287.00)			
TOTAL	\$12,700.00	(\$9,325.00)	\$3,375.00				\$12,700.00	(\$9,325.00)	\$3,375.00	\$445.00	(\$1,287.00)	(\$842.00)	(\$12,255.00)	\$8,038.00	(\$4,217.00)			
balance as of September 16, 2025:													\$7,326.74					

THE PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF PS 134

September 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of P.S. 134 is asking parents to send in membership dues.

The suggested donation is **\$10-\$20** per family, though you are welcome to contribute as much as you like. Dues are collected twice per year and are voluntary. Every dollar makes a difference!

The PTA spent \$10,054.31 in the 2024-2025 school year. Our expenditures included supplies for the Holiday Shop, Fifth Grade yearbooks, Fifth Grade T-shirts, food and decorations for the Fifth Grade and Kindergarten graduation parties and catering for the Staff Appreciation Day lunch. The more funds we raise, the more we can support our children and the PS 134 community.

We also look forward to seeing you at our PTA meetings throughout the school year, where you can vote on how the PTA budget is spent and let us know your priorities.

Thank you,

The Parent-Teacher Association Board

Parent-Teacher Association Dues

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent's Name _____ Email _____

I agree to be added to the PTA's email newsletter list: Yes _____ No _____

OPTIONS FOR PAYING PTA DUES

1) PAY ELECTRONICALLY USING ZELLE



Zelle: The Parent Teacher Association of PS 134
(22k134pa@schools.nyc.gov)

2) PAY WITH CASH

Place your money in a sealed envelope, along with the slip below.

3) PAY BY CHECK

Make your check payable to **"The Parent Teacher Association of PS 134"** and place it in a sealed envelope, along with the slip below.

Paying by cash or check? Cut along the dotted line, add your information and return in a sealed envelope to the PTA:

Parent-Teacher Association Dues

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent's Name _____ Email _____

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