

PTA General Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2026 – Virtual (Zoom)

1. Introduction

- Quorum confirmed.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

3. Title 1 – PS 134 still Title 1 school

- Title 1 is funding for schools, not a cash benefit for individual families – school uses the funding for approved educational purposes.
- It is based largely on economic needs.
- It does not mean every student is academically behind. Title 1 serves students with a range of academic abilities and family circumstances.

Title 1 fundings goes toward the following area at PS 134

Funding Area	Details shared at the meeting
Academic intervention	Additional teachers in the morning and the afternoon program to provide additional ELA and math support from October through April
School supplies	Title I funds have covered students' back-to-school supplies for the past eight years.
Arts and enrichment	Ballet for K–5 students, theater, arts residencies, and other enrichment opportunities
Carnegie Hall (Music)	Supports instruments and student participation in annual performances.
Library resources	Funds library books and classroom book sets aligned with the HMM reading program.
Additional enrichment	May support science exploration trips, institutional partnerships, and partial trip costs. • COOL Culture Pass added this academic year!
Staffing	Helps fund some appointed teachers' salaries and substitute teachers.

4. Guest Speaker: Picture Day Photographers from *Irvin Simon*

- Nov. 4th is PS 134 Picture Day
- **Students can dress up on picture day – No heels or open toe shoes for safety reasons**
- Families expect about 3 weeks for the pictures to be ready to view online
- Flyers will be sent home with instructions for viewing and ordering online
- There are various package options available to choose from along with the Class Group picture (Digital downloads or Print packages)
- Allow personalization; there are also wonderful holiday shop options as well
- Fifth grade pictures – there are options, multiple poses taken with cap/gown or regular poses
- Order shipping is normally within 24hrs (48hrs for large orders); you will receive it in 5 to 7 business days
- Picture Re-take date will be **January 8, 2027 (Friday)**

5. District 22 President's Council Meeting Update

- President Council Meeting is **not until next week Oct. 21 (Wed)**
- Details to be shared at next PTA In-Person meeting

6. Treasurer Report

- Membership dues are ahead of last year's comparable figure, but the bank balance and remaining budget target need to be reconciled in the next treasurer's report.
- The comparable October meeting last year reported \$1,465 in membership dues.
- This year, the PTA reported \$1,658, an increase of \$193 based on those figures.
- Total budget as of this month is **\$11,398.10 (\$9,740.10 was the beginning balance)**

7. School Leadership Team (SLT) Update

SLT members include the Principal, PTA President, UFT representative, Title I representative, and Chairperson. The team develops educational policy and comprehensive teaching plans.

- The theater residency started last week. There will be 3 residencies this year: Inside Broadway, Ballet and Studio in School.
- Middle School application period has opened
- Baseline assessments: Students had completed their baseline assessments by the October 5 SLT meeting. The school was reviewing results to evaluate progress against its Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP).
- 10/20 – Morning / Afternoon Programs (Oct-Apr) from 7:25am - 8:05am/ 2:30pm – 3:30pm (Tues, Weds, Thurs)

- 10/30 – Fall Festival (photos will be provided)
- 11/3 – Election Day: Remote learning (new this year)

Question – are students on tablet entire time of school?

- Pending more guidance from D22/ Chancellor – school wide will be communication on Remote Learning & directions – Ms. Butt (Parent Coordinator) and or Google Classroom with each grade teachers
- Younger grades had previously used abbreviated schedules and the schedule might be even more abbreviated this year. Final instructions were not yet available.
- 11/5 – Parent-Teacher Conference – Half day

UFT initiatives

The UFT representative shared the following updates:

- October 25: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Coney Island, in the morning.
- Toy drive: Planned to continue through December 17.
- A breast cancer awareness activity took place on October 14.
- Teacher request for PTA to sponsor 1 bus – **pending on cost, then PTA will need to take vote**
 - PTA Request Teacher/school to include PTA board team when negotiating contracts with DOE approved bus company

8. Holiday Shop

- Dec. 07 & 08 over 2 days – will be in the main floor hallway
- Parents volunteer flyer for Holiday Shop will be shared soon
- Selected Penguin Patch as the vendor supplying the merchandise
- Merchandise will arrive at end of November
- Principal agreed to allow storage at school for Monday night between the two shopping days

9. Key Upcoming Dates:

- Bake Sale – next Friday; Oct. 23
- Picture Day – Nov. 4 (Wednesday)
- Next PTA In-Person Meeting - November 19, 8:35 AM