



PTA General Meeting Minutes

Friday, 10/24/2025 – 9:00am

Announcements

- **Jen Quattroch – PTA President**
 - Reviewed the first event of the year: *K-Pop Demon Hunters Movie Night*
 - Previewed the upcoming *Glow Dance Party* on **November 13**

- **Title I Parent Representatives – Michelle Ho & Jenny Law**
 - **Michelle Ho** provided an overview of the Title I Parent Group's role and resources, including:
 - Enrichment activities for parents
 - Provision of translations and other support services
 - Upcoming events include:
 - *Puppet Show* – **January 8**
 - *Family Festival* – **October 25, 2025** (encouraged everyone to wear costumes)

- **Safety – Maria Strongillis (Assistant Principal & Building Safety Liaison)**
 - Safety plan has been approved for the year.
 - Reviewed the school's **new cell phone policy** in alignment with NYC Public Schools:
 - No cell phones, iPads, or smart watches permitted during the school day
 - Students may use **school-issued devices only**
 - Lock boxes will be used during the day
 - **Bike safety reminders:**
 - No riding bikes on sidewalks or parking near the building during arrival/dismissal
 - All riders must wear helmets
 - **Safety drills:** 12 per year (evacuation and soft lockdown)
 - To date: 5 evacuation and 1 soft lockdown completed

- **Special Guest – Julie Wood (John Dewey Middle School)**
 - Introduced the new **John Dewey Middle School** in Gravesend (District 21)
 - Encouraged families to start thinking ahead about her school, which feeds into John Dewey High School, as a middle school option

- **SLT – Kelly Stachlik**
 - Reported that **testing scores have improved, with the exception of science**
 - Shared updates on new school initiatives, including:

- **Additional support** for students identified through the *i-Ready* program
 - **Changes in ICT models:** moving from *parallel teaching* to *team teaching* and *alternative teaching*
 - **“Because We Can Sports”** program now working with students on Fridays

- **School Food – Tonya Murillo**
 - The kitchen team has **seven members**
 - Only about **100 students are eating breakfast** daily — encouraged families to participate
 - Approximately **600–700 students eat lunch** daily

- **Parent Coordinator – Ms. Aby**
 - Reinforced the message about **breakfast availability:**
 - Drop-off between **7:30 and 8:20 a.m.** for breakfast
 - Encouraged attendance at the **Family Festival on October 25** (arrive by 10:00 a.m.)

- **Principal IA – Mrs. Sainz**
 - Thanked **5th-grade parents** for attending
 - Encouraged families to **pay PTA dues** to support planned 5th-grade activities
 - Motivated students to **“work hard, play hard”**
 - Invited **4th-grade families** to look ahead at what’s special in 5th grade