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# PTA Meeting Minutes for (9/15/2026)

Meeting called to order: 6:49PM
Meeting adjourned: 7:28PM

## Introductions of new PTA Executive Board:

- PTA President : Andrea Saunders
- PTA Treasurer : Shaniqua Bennett
- PTA Secretary : Destiny Machuca

**PTA Meeting Decorum Expectations:** all members agree to maintain a respectful environment throughout the meeting.

## Announcements:

- WhatsApp link for 596X Parent Central was provided.
- Community Closet is on hold until further notice due to office space.
- Notice to parents that we will be updating bylaws in the October meeting.

## Principal's Report:

- Principal John informed the parent body about all of the safety protocols at the school.
- New TV station hosted by students @ 178 site.
- Legos will now be @ 498 site.
- New Family Support Center located next to the main office with Parent Coordinator, School Psychologist, and PTA.
- We received a 300K Tech Grant from Vanessa Gibson!
- Back to school event on 9/26/26 @ Jacob Javits Center. Busing from 178 site available.
- Principal Town Hall Meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 10AM & 6PM.
- Pep Rally Laser Show on 9/16/26 @ 10AM.
- First Parent Engagement on 9/25/26.
- Breakfast with the Principal on 9/23/26 @ 10AM.

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## PTA "Clap For Them"

- Thank you to the parents for all the donations for Watermania and Foam Party, Thank you to the staff for all their hard work over the summer & thank you to our Principal John for helping in every way he can. Members were invited to nominate a parent or staff to celebrate via email to PTA President, Andrea @asuanders14@doeexternal.nyc

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## Upcoming PTA Events:

- Trunk OR Treat Fundraiser on 10/24/26. Parents were advised more details to follow.

## Lend A Hand (Volunteering):

- PTA advised volunteers are needed whether through your time, organizing or planning committees.

## Donations

- Parents were advised that the PTA is accepting donations of any kind, thank you.

## Open Forum

- PTA opened the floor to give parents the space to share. There were no comments or questions at this time.

***Next PTA meeting will be 10/8/26 @ 6:15PM***