



**PTA General Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:02

Approval of October 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve October Minutes/ ALL / October Minutes APPROVED

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Student Council Report - VP Sophia

- PS 11 Spirit Days have been announced
  - Letter day - letter on their shirt so spell words throughout day
  - Mindfulness day
  - Superhero day
  - Other days may be found on the PS11 website calendar

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Washington trip
  - Many children came down with stomach virus on the trip
- 2nd grade finishing up PS11's first year of filmmaking class created documentary films will be shown on Family Friday in 2nd grade classes
- January marks the end of 1st semester - special classes will be changing for 2nd semester
- Child portfolios will go home in January, but there are no conferences in January
- Promotion in doubt notices will be sent out in January
- School underwent quality review last Thursday and Friday. During this review, an outside reviewer comes in and performs classroom visits and interviews with kids and parents. PS11 received the highest rating in every category

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- Report cards go home in January - marks will be from 1-4 based on portfolio work
- Important note: 4th grade parents - hold onto report cards from your child's portfolio - you will need them as well as portfolio comments for middle school applications next year! The process to retrieve these if you do not save them is a difficult one.
- 5th grade families - if you are requesting transcripts -the school needs 4 weeks notice
- Families entering Kindergarten next year must submit an application. Admission for siblings is not an automatic process, it requires an application

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- SLT continues to work with Bob to monitor academic progress
- Minutes from SLT meetings are on the website



- Book club has begun - looking at kids books and applying cultural rubric to it - email SLT if you want to be on book club list - you can help out even if you cannot attend the meetings
- Diversifying G&T - outreach ongoing - Bob, teachers and SLT are doing prep intro workshop to educate on what to expect on the day of testing
- Any questions email SLT

President's Report - Santhi Yarlagadda & Jackie Paolone ([ps11ptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptapresident@gmail.com))

- Thank you to SLT, administration and teachers for their hard work on the quality report
- DC trip - 30 kids were funded by a special purpose funding outreach for donations.

Fundraising Report - Kate Daly & Juliet Hernandez ([ps11annualfund@gmail.com](mailto:ps11annualfund@gmail.com))

- Annual Fund
  - Thank you to everyone who donated to the Special Funding for the 5th grade DC trip. 18k was raised to support this trip.
  - Trying to find ways to tie contributions to the annual fund to why donations are so important - if anyone has any ideas on how to communicate more effectively please reach out to Kate and Juliet
  - As of yesterday morning the annual fund has raised 183k with 63% participation school wide (last year we were at 189k at this time in the year)
- Special purpose funding must stay with that purpose so any left over funds can be used to prepay next year's trip deposits
  - The question was raised: Can we make a schoolwide outreach for special purpose funding?
  - Answer: We would prefer non restricted money so we do not plan to reach out for more special purpose funding at this time.

Budget Report - Monica Chun & Sarah Kim ([ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com))

- Monthly Financials
  - Through end of November - annual fun was at 137k - 67k of which was raised in november alone - almost 9k in sales including
    - trivia night raised \$1.2k
    - Merchandise sales raised \$2.5k
    - Food and Beverages sales brought in some money
    - Presales of gala sponsorship raised \$3.3k
  - Expenses:
    - SpellingBee \$400
    - \$1000 for PS11 field trip T-Shirts
- Charity Buzz
  - Looking for experiences to auction off to a national audience - lunches, tours etc

Events Report - Leslie Sloane & Lisa Cox ([ps11ptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaevents@gmail.com))

- Art to Remember update
  - Orders came in dec 12 - check backpacks
- Trivia Night update



- Made \$1200
- CFAC
  - Almost sold out 40-50 tix left, hoping to sell out by the end of next week
  - Rafel will start after break
  - 10 teacher tix left to be purchased
- Gala/Auction
  - Need 1 chair for each
  - Rock N Roll Glamour theme - Wednesday May 13 at Marquis

Programs Report - Mori Ninomiya & Laura Sanzel ([ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com))

- Library
  - In need of volunteers beginning in Jan for Friday and Wednesday
- 5th grade show - Wizard of Oz - need someone to get scenery from E 59th street theatre - need big vehicle to help transport platforms this Sunday at 6:00
- Chess
  - Nationals are in FL this weekend - largest tournament of the year 21 kids are attending from PS11 - largest group we have ever sent to Nationals
  - Held our own tournament last month - 200 kids came and raised \$4k

Membership Report - Amy Vezzetti, Jen Dickson & Stacy Glass ([ps11volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ps11volunteer@gmail.com))

- 11 for 11!
  - On Hand Raise Signups are live for Comedy for a Cause, Kind and Gentle valentines Day, 100th Day, Gala
- K Committee / K Coffee update
  - Next is in Jan 9th - Library and Events overview will be presenting
- Parent Volunteer Survey is out on the website - go to the website to be matched with opportunities - please fill out the survey
- First edition of PS11 Post is out all kids have a copy
  - Thanks to advertising sales

Communications Report - Aarti Sanan & Pia Padukone ([ptaps11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaps11@gmail.com))

- If anyone is not getting the newsletter - email [ptaps11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaps11@gmail.com) to be added to the list
- Instagram - add us #ptaps11
- Facebook - please add us "PS11 PTA"
- If you have videos share them with [ptaps11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaps11@gmail.com) and they will share it on social media
- Amazon fundraising
  - make sure you use the link from the PS11 website - this gets us more money than Amazon Smile. The school gets nearly 10% of purchase this way. You can use both Smile and link, but Smile only gives 1% or 2% - make sure to use the link and bookmark it. Please don't post the link on social media though as that is against the rules.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:42