



**PTA General Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:03

New PS11 Student Council President and Vice Presidents, Ruby and Sophia were introduced. They gave a speech outlining their plans such as Disco Day for one of the School Spirit day, and they will work on choosing one big issue to address during the next school year.

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Described Election process for Student Council, each class gets one student selected by the teacher and one student elected by the class. Student Council selects 4 nominees 2 members from 5th grade and 2 members from 4th Grade, who then record speeches that get viewed by all classes. Students then vote for President and Vice President.
- Mr Bender welcomes feedback from the upper grades regarding new ideas being tested in parent teacher conferences
- School Quality Review - an outside evaluator will rate the school on several indicators, last one done was 5 years ago. Children might get interviewed, some parents may be asked to be interviewed.
- Proactive safety tests due to Construction - air quality test being done Monday, requested through the UFT
- Letter going home today about Lead testing. Mandate for lead testing in all classrooms, and also mandatory testing of all general spaces
- Third Grade Show- next week., Wed 11/27 before Thanksgiving. Families may take children home after, there will be a signout sheet.
- 5th grade show being worked on. DC Trip coming up, Percy Jackson show Field trip Dec 4 as part of Rosies' Theatre
- 4/5th graders selected to be part of racial equity program - permission slips sent home yesterday
- Winter coat drives coming up (coats/gloves/hats) - new or gently used to be dropped off at the school for families that need them.
- Gift drive for families in temporary housing

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- Diversity/equity/inclusion work - outreach in nearby surrounding community to educate parents on G&T programs
- Organizing information session, parents signed up in neighborhood
- SLT Sponsored Family Fridays being worked on
- SLT book club - December 10, 9AM at Foragers, First meeting
 - mission around diversity/equity/inclusion - reviewing kids books, thinking from equity perspective, and making recommendations to the school to adopt in classrooms (to broaden kids books)
 - online space will be available for discussions if anyone can't make it

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

- Thank you to Volunteers for Outpouring of support



- Communications Election
 - Aarti Sanan, running with Pia Padukone - their nomination was taken from the floor as all nominations were called.
 - election was uncontested and unanimously approved. There were no Objections or Absentions.
- 5th grade DC Trip -
 - Fundraiser to reach out first to 5th Grade parents by email, then to the rest of the families.
 - 30 children need funding
 - PTA funds half of the big trips, such as the Farm Trip, DC, camping.
 - Due to Budgeting shortfall from last year, funding for trips were grossly affected
 - \$9000 needed to fund the kids that can't afford to go to DC. Checks for donations to help fund scholarships for the Field trips need to be made out to PS11, and is Tax Deductible.
 - Scholarship is \$260 per child.
- Big Thank You to the Fall Fest Team - lots of committees, 200 volunteers, good flow of traffic.

Fundraising Report - Kate Daly & Juliet Hernandez (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Annual Fund
 - Last year did not hit annual fund numbers, so far this year, still not reaching goals
 - Appeal made to the members to help to be an ambassador - word of mouth is key to raise funds
 - PTA subsidizes a lot of what is being done at PS11
 - Each child is subsidized over \$900 per year
 - 13K shortfall from last year, 15K in receivables
 - Match announced for \$20K with 65% participation before end of year.

Budget Report - Monica Chun (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- October
 - 30K Fun Run (40-45K goal)
 - Fall Festival - 9K income, after cost of 3500 for the school
 - Book Fair - 15K in books sold, school earns 50% of the income from Scholastic to buy books and other supplies, which resulted in net 7.5K
 - P&L end of October - through end of October - 101K individual donations brought in Oct, 132K individual donations for the year, 67K annual, 30K Fun Run. 87K, 13K short from last year
 - 6.5K Donation for the 3rd grade trip
 - October enrichment programs and staff support (ie. recess staff) - checks written for these programs.
 - Most checks have been written for the first half of the year.

Events Report - Leslie Sloane (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Fall Fest - really well run, great day for the community
- Art to Remember
 - Deadline extended - but get orders in now
- Trivia Night - \$20 per ticket, coming up Monday night, money goes to school, and is a good mixer/social event.
One Start Bar 11/18, 7PM Monday
- Comedy For a Cause (CFAC)



- Erin Hagstrom - CFAC Chair
 - Big Thank You to Dara Gottfried and Gilbert Gottfried who conceived of the idea and it has become one of the most successful fundraisers
 - Tues 1/21- MARK YOUR CALENDARS - GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB
 - Raffle, comedy, Auction
 - Upper grade student parents encouraged to get the word out to younger grade families. Don't have to be a PS11 parent to attend. There is always a surprise guest, in the past John Oliver, Jerry Seinfeld, Lewis Black.
 - Tickets will go on sale Wed 11/20 at Noon - flyer will go out next week- don't have to be PS11 parent
 - Charity Buzz - Leah Romito - will turn it into yearlong fundraiser
 - Items being requested for auctioning
- GALA - Juliet Hernandez - Gala Cochair
 - May 13 at Marquee - ROCK AND ROLL GRAMMY THEME
 - "Gammies"
 - More volunteers needed
 - Corynne Razos Auction Chair - live auction, silent auction at tables. Collecting donations and bringing things in. Help needed with solicitation and management
 - Each item (almost 1000), needs to be entered each item takes 20 minutes to enter. Volunteers needed.
 - Anna Pine - Auction Solicitation - quality over quantity. Ideas and connections. Camps auctions will start January. List of 50 camps so far. Other ideas, Box seats, Broadway Shows, Sports, lessons

Programs Report - Mori Ninomiyai & Laura Sanzel (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Kelly Collamore and Stephanie Tricola - Young Artists Program -Flyer for PS11 Young Artists - 2 new cochairs needed, to take over for next school year
 - Times needed, morning or lunchtime for teaching. Logistics - flexible.
- Book Fair - 16K cash and CC sales (record) - every class visited the book fair, 450 dollars raised in contributions, used to buy books for library and classrooms. Matched by Scholastic.
 - PTA spent 4000K for teachers and students who could not afford.
 - There will be another Book Fair in the Spring
- School Newspaper - will be printing the November edition later this month. 2000 copies will be printed, Advertising being sold. Closing on ads this weekend (today). Contact Teresa - available in social medial updates
- Spelling Bee - 5th Grader and 4th Grader tied. 3 fifth graders to city wide spelling bee, Akshay, Annabel, and Avery.
- Chess - Big weekend, Meera, Oliver and Sabella earned 3rd, 5th and 10th place in the Reserve Section (K-8 U1100 Division). PS11 tournament will take place tomorrow Saturday 11/16. Will be selling cool things, such as Chess Hello Cushions and Lego Key chains.

Membership Report - Amy Vezzetti, (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- 11 for 11 - Survey thanks to David Becker - matches skills with options for volunteering. In PS11 Digest
- K - committee- Ryan Center and Chess Team 11/20



Communications Report - Aarti Sanan (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Please subscribe to PS11 newsletter
- Social media being used for communications (instagram, facebook) @PTAPS11
- Use banner on PS11 website for Amazon, 11%, Bookmark, pin to phone.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:58AM