

ANNUAL FUND



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**General Meeting**  
**November 20, 2020**  
**Meeting MINUTES**

Meeting Begins at 9:17am

Welcome

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill via Bob Bender in Stephen's absence

- 5th Grade parents: Middle school applicants need a myschool account to apply. Enrollment office isn't issuing creation codes until they decide on an application process and admissions criteria. When info is available, it will be emailed directly home (not PS11), so please email Stephen and Phyllis if you need to update your contact info (email, address etc.) immediately
- School has no info on G&T testing application timeline, Kindergarten Pre-K application sign up for alerts on DOE website.
- Transcript request info or teacher recommendation for private schools: please forward transcript requests to Phyllis and allow 2-4 weeks. Bob is not asking teachers to write recommendations at this time. They are receiving many requests and it is unmanageable at this time.

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Bob doesn't know much. Rumors are that schools are closed through Thanksgiving, no official notice.
- Bob is very honored and proud of all the teachers and office staff for the systems that have put in place for the transitioning between blended and remote.
- About 80 students have opted back in. No changes were required in cohorts assignments, classrooms, and programming..
- 2 classes have to move rooms, (1st grade g&t , 3rd grade g&t)
- Planning for a November 30th return with new blended students. Cohort assignments are not flexible.
- Health Screening has been updated with new travel quarantine requirements.
- Bob will be checking the covid tests. Please be honest on the health screener, Bob has caught some families who have been dishonest. Reminder that kids are now eating inside due to the weather and higher risk. Please be careful!

Approval of 10/30/20 minutes; motion to approve October minutes / ALL / 10/30/20 minutes APPROVED.

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- First SLT meeting was held this week with the newly constituted members
- 2 Major items on the agenda
  - Grading policy for this school year: In the process of working with Bob
  - Comprehensive Education Plan: set of goals for the year for the school (attendance/literacy/iep's etc) previous year's goals were held over due to covid. Right now in the process of reviewing and revising those goals tailored to this year's school situation



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

- Thank you to all the families and staff for cooperating with these strange times
- Shout out to Principal's Challenge, any money donated will go to the annual fund. Time is now to donate, if you are able
- EBT cards were distributed for families who attended school last year (not new families)
- 3 PTA positions have been resigned with co-positions, 2 of them will continue as is for now. However, assistant treasure is actively looking, please contact if interested PTA.

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

- Monica shared PTA financials through end of October
- Have so far brought in about \$31K in individual donations (compared to \$70K this time last year). \$7K+ from corporate matching and \$300 from Amazon partnerships. \$63K Specific Purposes Donations.
- Merch sales have been great this year

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

- Rethink past events and how it can be modified for this year (such as Comedy for a Cause)
- Planning and brainstorming Fundraiser events for the community (perhaps monthly events to familiarize the school community with one another)
- Please email if you would like to be involved

Principal Reports- 2 incremental items

- Grab and go meals are still available from 9am-noon
- Ryan center is remaining open (both telemedicine and in person)

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

- The Principal's Challenge is going well.
- Principal's challenge donations will just go straight to annual fund
- First milestone has been met and Bob gets to do a Tik-tok, let's keep it going to reach 15%
- Please reach out to family and friends, social media
- Working on getting grants from outside. Corporate holiday giving is going on with many companies. If you have any companies in mind please reach out to Juliet or Tess.
- If anyone has time to reach out to the outside and follow up please contact Juliet and Tess for volunteering.
- Don't worry if you don't have "connections," many good leads come from cold email outreach

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

- Current programs are chess and Lego, if you are interested please look into
- Looking are more participants
- Scholastic Book Fair has ended, and hopefully we will have another one before the holidays. We are working on the details to organize another one
- We need a chair for the spelling bee which will be all virtual this year (for 4th and 5th grade students)



- ps11 kids can't participate at the city level if the school doesn't have a sanctioned spelling bee event for the school.
- Shouldn't require too much work, all the framework is already there.
- We will be holding a spelling bee event no matter what but would really like someone who will take it over from now on.
- Reminder please use the Amazon banner link (on the PS11 website) when you shop. The banner delivers higher return for PS11 instead of Amazon Smile.

Membership Report - Jen Dickson & Jessica Zabarkus ([ps11volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ps11volunteer@gmail.com))

- Parent Volunteer Survey has been sent, easier lift this year because of virtual nature, please consider getting involved! Grateful for any hours given to the school!
- Other ideas for how to donate time are also welcome
- K Coffee - First one 12/4 9:15am for Kindergarten and new families (and anyone else). Julie from the Ryan center will be speaking at the first one to demystify what it does. Will be sending out zoom link.
- Art to Remember - Deadline is 11/27

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

- Please make sure you are receiving our digest
- If you are a social media guru, please consider volunteering for updating our social media accounts.

Questions:

- Is there a way to contribute/voicing our opinion about keeping the blended program alive - feel free to share with Bob, but Mayor Chancellor are people you should contact
- Will 1st and 3rd G&T siblings will be in the same cohort - Yes
- Student will join remote class if they have traveled and answer health screening honestly
- 1st grade G&T will still be 2 cohorts? - 2
- is there anything to look out for (such as the infection rates) or look forward to for how things will proceed in the future - no
- There are rumors that students coming in to the building will be required to sign a permission slip allowing for random covid tests (right now less than 50% of students at ps11 have signed the permission slip)
- Please be mindful that everything has been carefully planned with consistency and continuity in mind for students, families and teachers. While school decisions may feel questionable, there are reasons and Bob is happy to disclose the thinking behind them.
- Rumor (from a very involved NEST parent) that DOE hasn't signed a contract with the G&T testing company - Bob has never heard that rumor
- District 2 Superintendent has resigned. IF you have signed up for blended BUT do not plan to send your child in to school now, PLEASE Communicate with Bob and be truthful.

Jackie's last words

- We are so lucky to have such a flexible and welcoming community at PS11.
- Thank you very much

Adjournment

Ends 10:14am