



**General Meeting**  
**February 26, 2021**  
**Meeting Notes**

9:16am

Welcome / Approval of 1/22/21 minutes

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Covid - there was another case at school. The process is as follows: Bob files a report to the situation room and files a categorized close contact list (which requires 10 min of total exposure time), Bob waits for the list of people who must quarantine. Bob will speak to all families who need to quarantine BEFORE the form letter is sent out
- Parent teacher conferences next week
- Half day Thursday Mar 4th, 11:00am pick up. Teachers are allowed to go home for mask-free conference sessions
- Rosie's Kids: after school program for 5th grader. Tue or Wed. Free for PS11 - qualifying kids can apply to other Rosie's programs. It's a great program worthy of convincing your kids to participate.
- PS11 will be focusing on the practice of gratitude. Emotional Training around mitigating the effects of trauma
- Barricades on 21st street are not being put out right now. Hope to resolve issue asap. If it can't be solved in the next day or two, Bob may need community intervention

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- Pre-k Enrollment is open now - all info is on DOE site [myschool.nyc](https://www.myschool.nyc)
- Kindergarten application has closed, but can still apply
- There will be a G&T application process. No testing: instead it will be teacher recommendation and parent discussion and lottery. All info is posted under the Enrollment section of DOE website. Only kids that were on the previous waitlist are eligible for 2nd and 3rd grade G&T enrollment
- Nycstudent account is very important. Please contact Stephen if you don't have one yet.
- Ryan Center - there is a form on the ps11 website to register your child. Contact the Ryan center directly or Stephen with any questions

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- SLT petition - ongoing
- Focus has still been on helping Bob with programing and cohorting, trying to get the covid testing numbers in our schools
- Education Council Election is coming up. March 4 is the deadline to sign up. One vote per child. It's a good opportunity if you want to get involved with education in a broader sense than just at PS11. Also feel free to contact Jordan.



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

- Young Artist Program - is parent led classes that worked well previous years. Survey to see if parents are interested for some spring programming (most likely once a week)
- Remote School Pictures: Stomping Ground - is providing a remote option. They will work with you through your cell phone or computer. Registration fee will be waived. Working on dates
  - We would like to get everyone photographed so we can create composite class photos
- Hoping that SCA will tag on the playground replacement onto current facade work
- PTA held a surprise Valentines day breakfast party to show our appreciation to all the staff at PS11

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

- January: \$7K in donations
- Up \$180K annual fund so far, less than last year. To be expected for our smaller student body

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

- Readathon - 40,000 minutes have been logged and have raised \$30,000 in first two weeks
- Readathon has been all parent run - so thank you to all the parents who have been involved
- Encourage your kids to log their minutes
- Prizes are available just for signing up
- Share pics on social media with the tag #ps11readathon. 500shares - will unlock a zoom mystery reader prize
- March 12 - end of Readathon
- School Librarian Rebecca is available to make book recommendations depending on child's interest
- 1700 books were purchased for kids through our scholastic dollars. Contact Bob if you haven't received any books yet
- All proceeds go directly to our annual fund

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

- Margarita Night last night - was a real success
- Future events:
  - Kids' movement dance/fitness session with a former Rockette
  - Fashion
  - Butchering class from Dickson's
  - Mr Bender led kids events
  - Dreaming of outdoor events in the spring



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

- Spelling Bee: 5th grader winner and 4th grade runner up. Regionals are on Mar16 - winner would qualify for Scripps National Spelling Bee
- PS11 Post is available on the website - Please check it out!
- Participated in the City championship Chess tournament
  - Emma Foo (2nd grade) placed 1st city championship, Terence Peng - 3 way tie for 3rd place
  - Please email us if you too would like participate

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

- K Coffee coming up: Mar 5 Everyone is welcome, especially new families and K families 9:15am
- Leslie from PTA Events will be speaking
- Apr 9 specials teachers

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

- Please make sure everyone you're following us on social media (IG and FB)
- Please send us anything that you would like to share with us or ideas about things you would like to see

Breaking news: Chancellor Caranza has resigned

Adjournment 10:10am