



**General Meeting**  
**May 21, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Welcome 9:18am / Approval of April minutes

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Mask mandate is still in effect at school, and at school property - outdoor and indoor
- Every grade will have 3 days of substitutes teachers while teachers plan for next year's curriculum
- June 24, Thu 9:30am 5th grade graduation ceremony - please spread the word to 5th grade parents - it will be streamed for families to be able to join. Only one (1) zoom log-in is available per student, everyone else can watch streaming
- Remote families who want graduation package sent home please email the school
- K celebration will be in-person in the playground last week of school 1 or 2 classes per day
- Thanks for the volunteers for the ribbons decorating - huge success and kids are still talking about them

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- NYC schools accounts need to be set up to access report cards and school survey
- If you don't have an account email Stephen for an activation code
- NYC school survey is out open to all parents and encouraged to complete it. Only available online
- Meisha Porter Town hall meetings May 24, for more info go to DOE website
- CEC elections: Dist 2 had the most votes in the city - results are not out yet
- K pre-registrations should be happening soon. Stephen will be reaching out in June
- Pre-K offers in June
- G&T offers in August

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- SLT elections will be held at the next June 18 PTA meeting
- 2 seats available
- Please reach out for any question [ps11slt@gmail.com](mailto:ps11slt@gmail.com)
- We want broad representation that parallels our student community
- Please spread the word to your friends and fellow parents
- Nominees don't have to be there at the next meeting (blurb can be read out on behalf of nominee)
- <http://ps11chelsea.org/about-the-slt/>

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

- Nominating Committee Announcement of the slate for the 2021/2022 PTA Executive Board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor
- No nominations were announced from the floor - nominations are now closed. The slate will be voted on the June 18 PTA General Meeting
- Next school year - will need lots of volunteers - hoping for a very active year next year
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Update: week 1 - stickers, week 2 - icee voucher, this week was ribbon decoration
- Bagel breakfast next Friday, Teacher Party at Chelsea Market, Books Gifting, Succulents gifting, Last week - Raffle every day the last week (2 gifts/day)



- Construction Update - construction will continue over the summer, building will be closed
- School Safety Update - have asked for patrolling during drop-off and pick-up times. Please report to the precinct if you see anything. If you can stick around for reporting that would be best, but if you can't please report to school safety staff at the front desk
- Please report to school if you have called 911 related to school safety
- 5th Grade Graduation Update - special purpose fundraisers met the \$6K goal. We will be distributing memory books, tshirts, diplomas etc. Thank you to all participants

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

- Audit Committee Presentation - we have reviewed the books for the past 3 years, (Kuntal Joshi, Kunal Prakash and Dave Cox) first by looking for transactions above \$10K, and then less amounts. In general, everything was in line - recommendations were given around the documentation process moving forward
- (Jackie Paolone) We will be better at documenting the larger spendings. The largest check goes to Bob at the end of the year. Bob will now invoice the PTA with an itemized list for his spending. We will now get accounting from the school system about exactly how the money was spent
- Similar process for the PTA money given to Debbie Osborne for her after school programming
- Please let us know if you would like to join the audit committee in the future
- 76% of total annual fund has been met
- DC trip deposit was refunded (approx \$16K)
- Seat Sacks were funded by Auxilium Charities (\$1200)

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

- Annual fund
- Match campaign was launched by school families. Up to \$18K

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

- Upcoming events
- Teacher Appreciation
- Comedy for a Cause is happening! Monday & Tuesday June 6 and 7th, We don't have a ticketing platform yet
- Capacity is 50 per night
- Streaming ticket will be available lower price point
- Would like to raffle (no live auction) if you have any items please get in touch
- Fall Festival - Is being planned for Oct 23rd. Don't know what that will look like but will need volunteers. If you know you'd like to participate, please get in touch
- Community Engagement - how can we re-build our PS11 community with new families as well as existing families that have not been around. Welcome ideas in how to engage and educate people to join the team



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

- Merchandise table will be available at drop-off times - please support
- List of typical programs: please Book Fair, Lego Robotics, Young Artists, Chess, Library, Newspaper, Farm To Table, Spelling Bee, Math Club, Merchandise, Lost and Found, Boxtops, Yearbook
- If anyone has any ideas for new programming (we are not tied to the list above), or being involved with any of the programs, please reach out to [ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

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

- Community Coffee has been renamed (from K-Coffee) - open to everyone and everyone encouraged to join
- June 4 Community Coffee @9:15am with Bob Bender, Q&A and anything he knows about next year
- Thank you to all the volunteers for the ribbons decoration
- There will be many more opportunities to participate, please sign up
- Please sign up to volunteer to clean up the school gardens with Debbie here: <https://signup.com/go/ybqyjzp> June 3rd

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

- Young Artists - June 11 Friday - putting together 12 panels. Volunteers will likely be needed. Information to follow

Extras:

Masks cannot be enforced on the sidewalk but parents can encourage other parents to mask up if there are unmasked adults.

Adjournment 10:00am