

P.S.11 PTA

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PTA General Meeting April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:02 am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Construction update
 - Locker room update – construction is progressing; completion is expected by September
 - Held initial meetings for the new playground – there will be new equipment, flooring, and benches; won't be a lengthy project, and hope complete during one of the school breaks next school year
 - PS 11 is turning 100 next year
- Teachers will be having planning meetings next week for building next year's curriculum
- 4th grade camping trip is coming up – Need 1 or 2 more male chaperones. It would also be great to have a Spanish speaking chaperone, if possible
- Frozen rehearsals are taking place
- As part of the school-wide safety initiatives, we are required to have a certain number of staff trained in CPR response; 12 people are attending the training today

Parent Coordinator's Report – Stephen McGill

- Kindergarten GenEd and G&T offers are out
 - If your child has a Gen Ed or G&T Kindergarten offer, you must accept that seat in your MySchools account by May 5, or you will lose your seat, and the school must move to the waitlist
 - Current Pre-K students are NOT considered registered at PS 11 going to Kindergarten – these families must also accept the formal Kindergarten offer
- G&T for 1st through 4th grade for next year - if you would like to apply for a seat, you must do that via the DOE website
 - 1st – 4th grade G&T spots for next year are not based on teacher recommendations – you must apply. Seats are given based on availability and based on the first period of marking grades this year (i.e., for current Kindergarteners, the DOE will look at January report card grades and determine seats for 1st grade)

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- Application period is May 2-15 for current K-3rd graders
- Acceptances will be announced in June 2023

SLT Report - Alex Cordero (ps11SLT@gmail.com)

- Kindergarten Gen Ed and G&T offers are out
- SLT will begin working on the comprehensive education plan next month - there is a new form being used this year to document academic goals
- The SLT has been working to schedule and plan this year's potluck, but because of the remaining construction equipment in the yard, it will be very difficult to hold the potluck
 - Trying to come up with an alternative – e.g., grade-wide celebrations to honor the end of the school year

President's Report - Lisa Cox & Joanna Cohn Weiss (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- SLT elections to take place during the June PTA meeting - 2 seats available for next year
 - The School Leadership Team SLT is a collaborative team made up of an equal number of faculty and parents. Members include the Principal, Assistant Principal, UFT Representative, and PTA President (or their appointee) and our Community Based Organization (CBO) representative, in addition to five parent members and three elected members of the PS11 faculty.
 - The PS11 SLT has two primary responsibilities. One is to evaluate the academic needs of PS11 students and produce a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) that proposes ways to meet those needs, in alignment with the school budget for the following school year. The other is to monitor whether the current CEP is being implemented, and to ensure that proper resources are allocated to implement the current CEP
 - The SLT parent elections are held each June directly following the PTA EB elections. The term for each member is 2 years and requires a time commitment of one 2-hour meeting per month and several parent workshop events held at school throughout the year. Members should make every effort to attend all meetings and events, but may miss only 2 meetings per calendar year. For a full understanding of the commitment, please review the [SLT Bylaws, linked on the PS11 website.](#)
 - If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to: ps11slt@gmail.com
 - SLT meets currently on Tuesday afternoons
- Nominating Committee for PTA Executive Board Positions for next year has been formed – if anyone is interested in joining the EB, please contact Julie Carpenter & Teresa Eddleston
 - ps11nominatingcom@gmail.com

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- Safety meeting
 - Continue to see more police presence
 - The scaffolding was removed outside of Rainbow Room
 - Reminder that the first step is to always call 911 when witnessing something concerning
 - Continue to be very on top of what's going on to make sure that people feel that PS11 cares about safety and the community
- PTA Bylaws to be updated
 - At the next PTA meeting we will present any changes to the bylaws – changes are to ensure consistency with the governing body of bylaws
- Charity Buzz is being reinstated
 - An external, nationwide website where people can bid on experiences and auction items, enables us to reach out to the community outside of PS11
 - Will send out communication for people to donate items and experiences
- Frozen Jr Production
 - Ms Sarah, Ms Wurman, Ms Kost
 - 5th grade cast, 4th and 5th grade backstage crew
 - Students will see the show during school hours on Thursday and Friday
 - Shows will be open to the public on Friday, May 12th at 6:30 pm and on Saturday, May 13 at 11 am
 - Shows are free, just line up for General Admission
 - Need volunteers to help run the show – sign-up sheets will be forthcoming in the PTA Digest
- Young Artists Program
 - Grateful for all teachers and volunteers running the program
 - Young Artists Program Gallery Show
 - The GIANT room - 26 W 23rd St, 4th floor on Sunday April 30, 11 am – 3 pm
- Bender Bars
 - Mostly sold out; there are a few bars remaining, to be sold next Wednesday
 - Last chance to pick up pre-ordered bars is also on Wednesday
 - If you do not make arrangements before Wednesday for pick up, the bars will be donated to the Frozen concession stand/bake sale
- Community Education Council
 - Shares opinions about how education should be provided in public schools
 - Can read more about the CEC
 - Vote by going into your own account
 - [Search - CEC Profiles \(schools.nyc\)](#)

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- Green Team
 - Sent out a notification in PTA Digest and FL email, had great response from students
 - Students are wrapped up in state tests and the play right now, but after that, will tally up how many recycle and compost bins there are in the school, etc.
 - When the 5th grade agenda slows down a bit, the team will meet with Bob for ideas and succession planning

Budget / Finance Report - Maria Melendez & Kunal Prakash (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Reviewed report
- Still behind in the annual fund
- Expenses for play and Young Artists program – please submit ASAP

Programs Report - Kristina Hammond & Kirsten Magen (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Garden day coming up
- Cookshop will be up and running in May
- Yearbook team is looking for a Spanish translator

Fundraising Report - Tess Knoebel-Peterfreund & Mori Ninomiya (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Bender Bars are sold out
 - Anyone who wins a prize, please email Fundraising, or directly to Tess/Mori - ps11annualfund@gmail.com
 - Anonymous donor helped to provide a Bender Bar to every child in the school
- Annual fund – there are thermometer signs outside the school - they are accurate in displaying where we are with the annual fund; we still have two months left of school year to meet our goal
- PS 11 Community Gameday: Brooklyn Cyclones baseball game on Sunday, May 7 at 2 pm
 - Fun day where the kids will get to walk out onto the field
 - [PS11 Community Day w/ the Cyclones | PS11 Sarah J Garnet School \(square.site\)](#)

Events Report - Lucy Flint & Amanda Moskowitz (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Gala
 - Tickets are selling quickly; please purchase your ticket
 - Rubin Museum of Art on Wednesday, May 17 from 7-10 pm
 - If you cannot attend, please still buy a ticket for a teacher/staff member to attend
 - If attending, please consider donating your time – need volunteers. Slots are for 1 hour maximum, so you can attend, plus volunteer and enjoy the gala at the same time

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- [Night at the Museum | Ps11gala](#)
- [2023 PS11 Night at the Museum Gala — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)
- Auction items: jax.a.cohen@gmail.com
- Gala sponsorship: Kirstenmagen@gmail.com

Membership Report - Jen Dickson & Sarah Kim (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- There are a significant number of volunteer opportunities for Gala

Communications Report - Pia Padukone & Julie Carpenter (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Please consider volunteering for the 5th grade musical
- May 6 – Garden Work Day and Play Work Day

Community Q&A

- 4th Grade camping trip
 - The packing list is being sent home on Monday
- Recess/ lunch supervision- if your child has had an issue, please reach out to Bob directly
- Swimming pool – lost items are often stored in the swim coaches' office and don't make it to the school's lost & found
- Please spread the word about Gala

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