



**General PTA Meeting
April 12, 2019 9am start
Minutes**

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March General Meeting Minutes APPROVED

Principal's Report: Cassandra Gregov

- ELA testing is complete and went very smoothly; teachers felt prepared and the kids did great, even though the tests were hard
- May 1st & 2nd are the dates for the math test
- The 2nd Grade show is next week, on 4/17 at 9AM; remember to bring your school ID
- K registration has begun and is always an exciting time at PS11
- The camping trip is coming up on May 23rd
- It is hiring season and PS11 is looking to diversify its staff; please pass along resumes to me and Bob if you know any educators in the market for a job.
- In mid-May we will have 20-25 volunteers from Twitter in PS11 with the goal of diversifying, analyzing, and organizing our classroom library books. They will also recommend new books to round out the libraries.

Student Council's Report: Maya

- Upcoming Spirit Days include Wacky Day and PJ Day
- Projects in the works include cafeteria clean-up and gratitude project

SLT Report: Jordan Wright

- The SLT nominations for next year will be announced at the next PTA meeting, with a June vote. There are two positions open, and a Q & A will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 3:30pm for those interested.
- The SLT committee meets once a month on Tuesdays from 3:30-5:30pm and we request a 2 year commitment.

President's Report: Santhi Yarlagadda

- Nominating Process: All PTA positions are open. Please reach out to the nominating committee if you are interested in a position.
- All Event & Program Chairs need to send Monthly Financials/Budgets: Budget templates are ready and available to chairs. Please reach out to the finance committee to obtain the template as it is important to have these submitted every month.
- News: PS11 lost a very good friend, Julia Littlejohn. Julia gave so much time and energy supporting PS11 and will be greatly missed.

Fundraising Report: Kate Daly & Stacy Glass

- Annual Fund: The annual fund is increasing, but still lagging behind year-over-year. Ask your friends & classmates to contribute since there is a lot going on through the end of this year and the PTA is already cutting checks for next year.
- Fun Run: The FAQ went out in home folders, with more information coming soon. The fundraising platform will be set up soon and we will keep everyone up to date on the launch.

Budget Report: Michael Goldsman

- Monthly Financial Summary vs Budget: Financial summary presented with the highlights only – please send me an email and we will happily provide more details.
- PS11 must file taxes next month and would like to find an accountant to help Pro Bono. Please email me if you have a recommendation.

Events Report: Leslie Sloane & Lisa Cox

- Spring Auction & Gala: Laptops passed around for volunteer sign-up at the gala event and we need auction chairs for next year.
 - Annie: The gala is one month away and all the details are on the school site. There are many ways to get involved:
 - Class parents: make ask to class parents to volunteer.
 - Sell \$100 raffle tickets and get a free gala ticket
 - Help us find additional food donors
 - Sell raffle tickets at drop-off
 - Help run the donor collection table at drop-off
 - Data entry parties are held weekly
- Fall Festival: Planning has commenced and getting younger families involved early is key to its success.

Programs Report: Mori Ninomiya & Laura Sanzel

- May 9th is Spring Book Fair set-up / May 10 is family Friday shopping day. PTA-funded \$9 vouchers will be available again to families in need.
- May 11th is a garden workday; bring the kids.
- Merch: Table will be out on 4/17 at the 2nd Grade Show and 5/16 for PJ Day
- PS11 Newspaper is out and looks great – print copies and an online version are available.
- Chess Team: Girls team placed 3rd at NYS Championship & head to Chicago for the National Championship.
- Lego Team: mini keychain figures will be for sale at merch table at the next family Friday. Presentations are being made to 3rd & 4th Grade students to get involved.

Membership Report: Amy Vezzetti

- Volunteer Needs: Gala is in need of volunteers and you can sign up with a friend for any shift. Please recruit your friends and classmates to volunteer.
- K Committee / K Coffee: Next K Coffee is 5/29 and the topic is the transition to 1st Grade. All K parents are encouraged to attend.
 - Ice Cream Social will be held in June.

Communications Report: Michael Walsh

- First ever contest launched on social media to win a ticket to the gala. Remember to follow @ptaps11 on Instagram.
- School calendar continues to be available in both English and Spanish on the school website.

General Reminders:

Remember to shop on Amazon via the PS11 link on our school site.

Stay after the meeting today for Executive Board position information.

Adjournment: 9:30AM