



**General PTA Meeting
February 15, 2019 9am start
Minutes**

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January Meeting Minutes APPROVED

Principal's Report: Bob Bender

- Had an amazing day yesterday here for 100th Day, and the kids absolutely loved it.
- Aladdin was a huge success, thank you to all the volunteers.
- Comedy for a Cause was a huge success, thank you.
- Parent teacher conferences will be held in March. Any new specialty classes will be graded in April.
- March 6th is the test meeting date for families, overall the test is the same as last year.
- Scaffolding will be going up in 2 months or so, and the PTA presidents will continue to join in discussions.

Parent Coordinator: Stephen McGill

- Reminder! Pre-K application is due March 15th, if you need help with your application please reach out.
- New families! Our learning environment survey is coming up and is anonymous. 100% participation is the goal, so please do complete the survey when you receive it at your March conference. An online code is included so that you may submit it easily and quickly and it will be customized for your family.
- Swimming: new suits have been ordered.

SLT Report: Jordan

- SLT has 3 major projects this year:
 - Education Plan – with a focus on reading, with goals and progress tracking.
 - Social Emotional intelligence– initiatives continue at Family Friday with the next one on March 1st.
 - Racial Equity work –the SLT book club is among the initiatives.

President's Report: Robin & Santhi

- Thank you to everyone who is helping at school! Parent volunteer time has been a huge success; it's amazing to see and thank you.

- PTA board elections are coming up and a nominating has been formed. Domenica Mastrianni and Sonal Patel. All open positions will be announced in the March general PTA meeting. Please spread the word to anyone that might be interested in running.

Finance Report: Michael

- Financial summary highlights only – please email if you would like more details.
- January changes to note:
 - Corporate matching raised \$8k, Amazon money is doing well
 - Annual Fund raised almost \$22,000
- The 5th Grade trip was moved to December this year and was a big success because the city was less busy with lines and the kids had a great hotel. In order to book this again, \$18k must be spent in our Spring 2019 budget to secure it. Moving forward, the executive board voted to spend this money in advance of the 2019-2020 school year budget.

Fundraising Report: Kate

- Overall January was a little slow for fundraising but there are many fun events coming up – you are encouraged to share and contribute!
- A group of parents have come together to pool a \$10k gift as an incentive to reach the participation goal by June. The annual fund pays for so much for all of our kids, thank you all for your generous donations.

Events Report: Leslie & Lisa

- Comedy for a Cause was Feb 12th, which Dara and Sara started several years ago. They are transitioning out of this role, so please get involved to keep this successful event going. Preliminary numbers are in, and it looks like \$70k may have been raised! A lot of younger families are enthusiastic about this event, so we will definitely be doing it again next year.
- The Annex was cleaned out last week so please try to keep it neat and remember to look here for supplies before you buy new ones.
- Camps Auction takes place March 6th and will run for 2 weeks, and is an opportunity to bid on summer camps (day, sleep away) with part of money raised coming to PS 11.
 - Anyone can bid on this auction! Tell your friends because these camps are eager to have a relationship with our school and community.
- Gala / Annie – Marquee was secured as the venue this year for May 15th from 6:30-10:30pm .
 - Also looking for admin help, and someone who can take over next year. Reach out if you are interested – shadowing this year would be helpful.

- Soliciting all food and beverage donations (catering donations, liquor donations, beverages, etc.) Please reach out if you have any contacts. Any donations are helpful – even if it is one case of wine.
- New volunteers are always welcome: specifically someone to shadow us this year, and data entry for the live and silent auction.

Programs Report: Mori

- Laura is looking for someone to chair merchandise next year, she will train you so please volunteer.
- Lost/Found: Everything set up on Family Friday to remind families to check for lost items.
- Chess Team – state tournament is coming up.
- Lego Team – created 3 mini keychain figures to sell for fundraising. They are PS11 themed and really great – your kids will want one.
- School newspaper is now online please check it out.

Membership: Peyton

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering! There are two needs we have to fill:

- Library needs help on Thursday afternoons.
- Coin Drive still needs a co-chair, which is a small commitment and easy task so please help.

Communications Report: Michael W

- Every Thursday we send out emails – let us know if you do not get these. There's no school next week so we will send out the newsletter on Sunday, February 24th
- A link to the school newspaper is in our newsletter
- Send any photos you have from school events (the ones without kids in them) and we may be able to start sharing these on our Instagram account.

Thank you to everyone, please help us spread the word on all of these exciting events, updates and asks. Take a card! And have a wonderful Winter Break!

Meeting adjourned 9:45am.