

# General PTA Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2017

## **1. Welcome**

## **2. September minutes approved**

## **3. Principal's Report**

- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up. Teachers provide several date/time options for you to meet with them.

- <https://ps11showme.com/> is a great place for parents to get academic resources.

- Will post the book of the month & multimedia tools on the theme of compassion.

- 75 Google volunteers came & helped with projects at the school which included the garden; pledged ongoing volunteers for future projects. Google also donated \$60,000 for our new playground.

- K - 2nd grades began enrichment activity yesterday.

- New academic policy will be sent to parents by next Friday. Policy explains how grades are determined. If have questions, parents are asked to email feedback to Mr. Bender.

- PS11 is forming a racial equity group led by Ms. Gregov (Vice Principal) which aims to broaden its current culture. 25 teachers are studying a specific text for this project. Cafe con Leche was formed for Spanish-speaking families. Interested parents are encouraged to join the book club.

## **4. Parent Coordinator's Report**

- Ask parents with concerns to email him.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents will receive information with instructions for creating a My Student account with the NYC DOE. Parents can see all the information DOE has about their child(ren). Parents will need the student ID number for this process.

- Parents need to inform the office with any changes to the My Student account.

- The blue card is only for PS11 staff.

- Halloween reminder: costumes are not allowed.

## **5. SLT Report**

- Had Potluck & Curriculum Night in September. Both were successful.

- Received great feedback from the survey; may add a social component to curriculum night next year.

- Talked about teachers using Class Dojo. b

- Voted and approved amendments to the SLT bylaws.
- Will focus on a book *For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood* in 2 parts: the first meeting will be held on November 28.

### **6. PTA Presidents Report**

- Need bouncy castle attendants for the Fall Festival. Discussed ways alumni can help.
- Started annual fund drive. Sent out information to parents.
- Established a treasurer's task force that include parents who are CPAs.
- Need to clarify bus policy for students once. There needs to be an established policy on who is responsible for students after they leave the school to go home every day. If you are interested in this topic and want your voice heard, please attend the Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting on November 1, 6:30pm-7:30pm, The Clinton School..

### **7. Treasurers' Report**

- In the process of reorganizing financial reports.
- Some paid items include: swim, \$10,000 for the Farm to Table, \$3,000 for the 3rd grade trip, \$48,000 for recess programming.

### **8. Fund Raising Report**

- Will have a table to take donations for the Annual Fund at the Fall Festival.
- Encouraged parents to ask their employers about matching programs.
- Need auction co-chairs for the spring gala, which happens in May.
- There will be a separate camps auction in March & need items.
- Need Paddle 8 chair & venue. Also need a logistics person for shipping.
- For Charity Buzz, Comedy for a Cause: need experiential donations.

### **9. Events Report**

- Fall Festival: Closed street. Interested volunteers should come in and check in. Need people to close and break down. Admission wrist bands for students were given today.
- Art to Remember: forms will be sent out in about 10 days.
- CFC will occur on 2/6/18, at Gotham Comedy Club.
- Spring gala may be held on 5/7/18. There will be a silent & live auction during the gala. A kickoff meeting will be on Friday, November 10, in the cafeteria after drop-off.

### **10. Membership Report**

- Ask parents to volunteer 11 hours.
- Need chair for Lost & Found.

## **11. Programs Report**

- Need volunteers on Fridays for the library.
- Congrats to the PS11 Chess team. November 4, will be the next competition.
- Farm to Table: Need volunteers. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are harvesting & selling produce. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are planting seeds.
- Spelling Bee: Need a replacement chair for next year.
- Encourage parents to collect boxtops. Newspaper needs a graphic designer. Young Artists: good turnout. Book Fair will run on the week of October 30. PTA ensures that every child can get a book.

## **12. Communications**

- Sign up to receive emails. If not receiving them, contact communications. iPhone users: add PTA email address to VIP.
- Wednesday night is deadline for message submissions.