**PS11 General PTA Minutes**

**May 18, 2018**

1. April Minutes Approved
2. **Principal’s Report:**- Principal will meet 5th graders returning from D.C. trip this afternoon
- PreK registration is under way; 11 siblings are on wait list
- G&T results will come out in the next 2 weeks; registered many K students, will have 7 sections
-Refer anyone eligible to teach for NYC DOE early childhood education and has experience with kindergarteners to send a resume to the principal for 3 open positions
- 5th grade is finishing up ballroom dance and 3rd grade is finishing up African dance
- State math tests went well; 4th grade science test is next week
- Deadlines for yearbook ads and photos May 21 and 22; go to the PS11 web site to upload
3. **SLT Report:**
- Poetry night is May 30; invite your friends to attend
- SLT met to plot out next year's agenda
- Will focus on growing racial equity; will include parents, teachers and students in that process
- Nominations close today; PTA will vote at the June meeting for 3 out of 7 candidates
4. **Presidents’ Report:**- A big thank you to the Nominations Committee who worked to identify candidates for next year’s Executive Board; if you still want to run for an open position, make yourself known as the nominations close at today’s meeting. Candidates will be voted on at the June PTA meeting
- The EB will meet on May 29 to set next year’s budget
5. **Treasurer’s Report:**- Spent $20,000 on Rosie’s Theater program for 5th grade; $11,000 for math professional development; $9,000 for 4th grade camping trip; $3,600 for Compliment Day; $2,400 for 3rd grade zoo trip
- Purchased a new dryer for the swim program
- We expect $5,000 in income for merchandise
- $7,000 over in projected corporate matches
6. **Programs Report:**- Book Fair will occur on May 29 - June 1; parents encouraged to send in money with their child(ren); no student will go home without a book
- Chickens are doing well; need volunteers for every Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00; meet in front of school at 8:30; need volunteers for Garden Work Day
- Farmers Market will run twice a week and through the summer; Garden to Cafe will be on June 6 and will coincide with opening of the market
- Chess: 7 PS11 students competed in the Chess Elementary Nationals in Nashville
- June 20 is Lost and Found Day; come and collect any lost items. Any unclaimed items will be donated
- Young Artists exhibited their work at a local gallery
- The March edition of the school paper is online
7. **Fund Raising:**
- Looking to achieve 100% family participation in the Annual Fund; the PTA funds all supplies for 930+ students, many arts and STEM programs
- Class parents will share Annual Fund appeal; 6 more weeks to help your child(ren)
- Looking for volunteers to help with the Institution Giving (grants) Committee
8. **Volunteers’ Report:**
- Gala: thanks to 130 parents for volunteering
- Summer Book Exchange is starting with K students; Will accept book donations on June 19th and 20th, will give to K teachers and allow students to bookshop for the summer
- Need volunteers for the Book Exchange and will have a link
- Looking for volunteers to help run the book fair, ice cream social and Lost and Found
9. **Events:**
- Thank you to the amazing Gala Team; raised $190,000; Charity Buzz is still live
- Thank you to all who bid; thank you to the Paddle team, raised $14,000
- Looking for those with filmmaking skills for next year
- Thank you to the teachers who have donated their time and services
- Auction bid winners can pick up items this afternoon and other dates to follow
- Gratitude Day: PTA sends thank you notes to all those outside of PS11 who volunteered and donated; notes will go out in June, email events team with contact details
- On Field Day, June 14, students will compete for fun activities; same day as evening potluck
- Need volunteers for the Fall Festival
- CFC: A new chair will lead the event; looking for a co-chair who will handle event logistics
10. Communications Report:
- The weekly digest will continue until the end of the year
- Sending every class regarding their Annual Fund participation level; spread the word!