

## Minutes of the General PTA Meeting

January 2018

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes approved**
3. **Principal's Report:**
  - Implemented the new bus dismissal policy; children can only get off at the designated stop.
  - 5th grade Rosie's performance will occur on 1/25.
  - Cinderella, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade show, will take place on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - New semester begins on 1/29; some specialist classes will change at that time.
  - Portfolios will go out at the end of next week, which will include official DOE report card. If your student is "in doubt of promotion" a letter will be sent home and a meeting will be scheduled.
  - Racial equity meetings are going well including the student groups and staff. There is a racial advisory committee of teachers who give feedback to the administration.
4. **Student Council: President and VPs from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade introduced themselves.**
  - Superhero Spirit Day on 1/26. Students are encouraged to create their own costumes.
  - 2 students are elected from each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. The Council oversees spirit days, creating posters and writing announcements. Officers listed designated Spirit Days. Wrote thank-you notes to various people including the cafeteria staff. Student Council meets bimonthly.
5. **Parent Coordinator's Report:**
  - Welcome to new families: since January, PS11 registered 5 or 6 new families.
  - Need volunteers including graphic designers and pre-press print specialists for the yearbook.
  - The kindergarten application deadline is today, 1/19; PreK application goes live on 2/5.
  - 3rd and 4th grade families should have a NYC Schools account. If you need help with this, please contact Stephen McGill at smcgill3@schools.nyc.gov.
  - Middle school interviews are happening. 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents please confirm correct contact details with the NYC schools account.
  - The procedure for the parent's safety id badges are proceeding smoothly.
  - "Label, label," please your children's items so it is easier to return to them if items are lost.
6. **Presidents' Report:**
  - Thank you to all those who help PS11's students.
  - Kindergarten committee organizes the K coffee hours and ice cream social at the end of June. Its goal is to help K Parents become acclimated to PS11. The committee needs new volunteers. If you would like to help, please email ps11ptapresident@gmail.com.
  - Anyone interested in serving on the Board or as a part of the Nominations Committee, please email ps11ptapresident@gmail.com.
7. **SLT:**
  - Due to feedback after recent citywide incidents, the SLT will be working with the Office for Emergency Management to present a workshop on "How to talk to Your Kids About Emergencies." Hopefully taking place during the next 3 months.
  - Racial equity and diversity initiative, to be aware of other work being done at PS11.

8. **Budget:**
  - Wrote a check for \$50,000 for Wonder Hut. Merchandising sales going extremely well!
9. **Fund Raising:**
  - Have reached 77% of the budget; raised \$293,000.
  - At the end of April, coin drive will happen.
  - A New Fun Run will occur on 3/20. Activities will take place a week before the event. This fund raiser should net about \$50-60,000. Also, it will allow for 100% student participation. This year's theme is Castle Building and will hopefully take place outside. Indoor arrangements will be made if necessary; non-run activities available to those who cannot run.
  - Grants Committee: looking for volunteers to write and research.
  - Amazon: All encouraged to use the Amazon affiliate link through the PS11 web site. Since Black Friday, affiliated account made \$1,500. Anyone who signs up for Amazon Fresh, Prime, etc., can earn PS11 a bounty.
10. **Events:**
  - CFC will occur on 2/6 at the Gotham Comedy Club. Although the show is sold out online, 10 VIP tickets are available. Email [PS11ptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:PS11ptaevents@gmail.com). Anyone attending CFC is encouraged to volunteer. A pair of tickets to S&L (SNL?) were donated.
  - Charity Buzz: need experiential donations. Charity Buzz is year-round, a national platform and generates large revenues.
  - Gala: Organizational meeting will occur on Thursday, 2/1 at 9:00 in the cafeteria. Looking for anyone with connections with restaurant, catering, liquor and grocery store vendors. Available graphic designers, email [ps11gala@gmail.com](mailto:ps11gala@gmail.com).
11. **membership:**
  - Need volunteers (videographer and editor) for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade play. Also, need volunteers to help backstage and those interested in taking over sound duties next year, contact [ps11volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ps11volunteer@gmail.com). The play will be on 2/9 and 2/10.
  - need volunteers to help make Valentine's Day cards.
  - Interested in giving your time? Go to the PS11 web site, click on PTA and scroll down to the Parent Survey where you can indicate your skills and interests.
12. **Programs:**
  - Box tops will start on 2/1 and will collect until 2/9.
  - Chess team is going well; merchandising has a new item, phone grip and stand for \$10.
  - Need volunteers for the math club
  - Young Artists programs had their first classes this week.
  - Newspaper had a December issue and the January will come.
  - Lost and Found: Keep labeling your children's items.
13. **Communications:**
  - Contact [PS11pta@gmail.com](mailto:PS11pta@gmail.com) if you are not receiving weekly Thursday emails. PS11 has a website and Facebook page.
  - Monthly calendars are sent home.
  - Annual Fund: sharing what your children receive as a part of all the fund-raising efforts.
  - Please share with other PS11 parents and with your community about PS11.