

PS 11 PTA General Meeting

Minutes

11/17/17

Welcome/Approval of February Minutes

October meeting minutes approved.

Principal's Report

- Parent-Teacher conferences went well. If you have feedback about how they went, please email Mr. Bender.
- Mr. Bender will send out information on how to register for the REMIND App again. It's used for emergency purposes. You must register every year.
- 3rd Grade show is Wednesday, November 22nd. If you plan on checking out your children (siblings too) early, please email Mr. Bender and your teacher(s) and let them know. They will be dismissed from the cafeteria.
- Information will be sent out about the mandatory DOE health curriculum. It consists of 5 lessons. PS11 uses the guidelines to develop its own lessons. All lessons are online if parents would like to review content.
- 1st Annual Publishing Parade for Kindergarteners. Kindergarten students will parade through the hallways with their published pieces while the other grades cheer them on.
- Gratitude walls will be on all floors for students, teachers and staff to write what they are grateful for from Monday, November 20 – November 22. They will also be outside for parents to write what they are grateful for too.
- Racial equity work is still ongoing. The student advisory committee will meet soon. The parent advisory committee will meet after the student group meets. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Cassandra Gregov at cgregov@schools.nyc.gov
- Safety: A letter is being drafted from Mr. Bender to the DOE and NYC politicians to request that barriers be installed in front of all NYC public schools. Other principals are supportive of this letter.

Parent Coordinator's Report

No report.

President's Report

- Google generously made improvements to our gaga pit. They are also donating 70K for new playground equipment.
- Corey Johnson had an appreciation ceremony for school crossing guards. PS11 crossing guards were praised for their hard work. You can watch the video on his website.
- The PTA is continuing to push for change regarding specific bus rules and regulations that protect our students.

SLT Report

- The PS11 Book Club book is For White Folks That Teach in the Hood. The first meeting is Tuesday, November 28th, 9:00am, cafeteria.
- There is an open SLT position. Meetings are held once a month on Tuesdays, 3:30pm-5:30pm. The position is only for this year. If you are interested in continuing, you will have to reapply next year. Any parent or legal guardian can run for this position.

Budget Report

- As of November, PS11 has raised \$247K (30% of our annual budget).
- Programs that have been funded so far are Dance enrichment, swimming, 4th Grade and 5th Grade trips, science enrichment, cooking and recess.

Fundraising Report

- Hitting our fundraising goals so far.
- We need to work on raising participation numbers.
- If you are interested in working on the grants committee, there is a meeting on December 1st, 9:00am in the cafeteria.
- Auctions committee is working hard.
- Mori Ninomiya is coordinating our Amazon program. A flyer will go out before the holidays to let parents know how to use our affiliate link and Amazon Smile. It's an easy way to earn money for our school.

Membership Report

- Thanks to all of our volunteers who help make our school so amazing.
- We need volunteers in the following areas: 1) grants committee, 2) selling PS11 merchandise on Wednesday, November 22nd 8:15-11am, 3) science fair judges, 4) young artists class facilitators. Go to sign-up.com to volunteer.

Events Report

- Fall Festival was a huge success. If you have any feedback or ideas for next year, please email ps11ptaevents@gmail.com.
- Art to Remember paper deadline November 17th. Online deadline (if you want merchandise by the holidays) is Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. Delivery date is Dec. 14th.
- Comedy for a Cause will be at the Gotham Comedy Club. Tickets go on sale December 12th at NOON. Tickets sell out in a few hours. There will be a great line-up.
- GALA: May 7th at the Hudson Terrace. The theme is "Enchanted Under the Sea." Need a graphic designer, connections for a band, wine merchants, caterers, and printers.

Programs Report

- Book Fair was a success.
- The library volunteers want to remind parents to pack your children's library books in their backpacks at the beginning of the week so they can return them and checkout new ones.
- The spelling bee was a success. Three 5th graders will be moving on to the Manhattan Spelling Bee in January.
- Farm to Table: The harvest celebration was a success.
- Chelsea Chess mates hosted a Veterans Day Tournament at our school. We placed third in the K-12 U1500 section and fourth in the K-5 U600 section of a very competitive tournament.
- Lost and Found: Don't forget to label your kids' outwear, water bottles, etc. so the items can be returned to them and there will be less items in lost and found.
- PS11 merchandise committee has \$6,500 sales to date.
- Lego robotics has 7 students signed up.
- PS11 Newspaper still needs a graphic designer. The first edition is out.

Communications Report

- Every Thursday, weekly PTA emails go out. Over Thanksgiving weekend, the email will go out on Sunday.
- Sign up for a Fairway card. The link is on the PS11 website. Use this card when you shop at Fairway and the school receives a percentage of the sales.
- If you are a parent of a middle schooler who went to PS11 and they are interested in participating in a community service event, please contact - ptaps11@gmail.com.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am