**PS 11 PTA General Meeting**

Minutes

4/21/17

**Welcome/Approval of February Minutes**

March minutes approved

**Principal's Report**

* G&T scores are out and applications are due Monday, April 24th.
* Pre-K offers are out.
* 2017-2018 Department of Education (DOE) calendar is out.
* 2nd Grade show is Friday, April 28th.
* Ms. Sara (theater teacher) is pregnant so the 5th Grade musical is starting to practice this semester. Next year’s 5th Grade musical will be Cinderella.
* Please be aware that the teachers will have 4 non-consecutive planning days in May and June. These planning days will include building our classes for next year (parent input is not welcome). Sometime during the last full week of school, students will meet their teachers for next year.
* Bob introduced a visitor – Assemblyman Richard Gottfried who represents Chelsea. He was visiting the school and has a particular interest in the Ryan Center because he chairs the Health Committee in the assembly.

**Parent Coordinator's Report**

* The Yearbook committee will be sending out information soon of how to submit pictures for the yearbook and how to buy ads. This year, you can submit ads along with payments online.

**President's Report**

* The PTA Nominations Committee is looking for individuals interested in serving on the PTA Executive Board for the 2017-2018.
* Upstander Training for PS11 Parents: April 25th, 6:30pm, Auditorium. This workshop will teach you to safely intervene and support victims of sexual harassment, racism, anti-semitism and other forms of hate.
* Kindergarten Committee: This committee was formed to help improve the experience of new families coming to PS11. We need more volunteers for this committee. If you are interested, please contact ps11ptapresident@gmail.com.
* Family Friday Coffees: Please join us for coffee and conversation after each Family Friday.

**SLT Report**

* The SLT is discussing how to incorporate cursive writing and keyboarding into the curriculum next year.
* The school will not be doing Girl’s Facts Night this year. The SLT is researching alternative Health Education options.
* SLT elections will be in June. Two positions will be open plus two alternates. Nomination will be taken on or before the May 19th PTA meeting. For more information, please visit the PS11 website.
* The next Book Club book will be Growing Up Mindful by Christopher Willard. More details to follow.

**Budget Report**

* Fundraising to date is $706, 500.
* $11,000 was spent this month on math professional development, 5th Grade trip to Washington and The Nutcracker field trip.

**Fundraising Report**

* The fundraising needle didn’t move in April.
* We are currently at 70% school wide annual fund participation. Our goal is to be at 85% at the end of May.
* The Coin Drive will take place April 26th-28th. This is the first year coin drive contributions will be used for our participation goal. Please make sure to count the money first as this will help the coin drive volunteers.
* Auction: Thank you to everyone who has made donations. We still need more items such as high end items, accessible items (e.g., hair salons, etc.), and personal experiences (e.g., tours, meetings, trips, etc.). There will be a table outside of school next week where you can drop off items.
* Camp Auction: Earned $6,345.

**Membership Report**

* Gala volunteers are needed. It takes about 100 volunteers to make this event successful.
* Coin Drive. Need volunteers April 26th-April 28th from 8am-8:50am.

**Events Report**

* Gala:
  + Theme is Bollywood
  + May 15th at Hudson Terrace, 621 W. 46th ST, 7pm-11pm
  + Ticket are currently on sale. $100 per person.
  + Tickets that include a VIP Hour cost $250 per person.
  + 501auctions.com/ps11 – you can buy, donate, get tickets, etc. One stop shopping.
* Gratitude Day: May 31st

**Programs Report**

* PS11 Totes are for sale. Teacher Appreciation Day is coming up. These would make great gifts.
* Young Artist Gallery Show – Sunday, April 23rd, Noon – 5pm at the Ziehersmith, 516 West 20th ST.
* Lego Robotics – PS11 team won first place for robot design and our 4th graders made the semifinals.
* Chess: PS 11 girls were the U 12 National Championship Runner-up in Chicago.
* Spring Book Fair: May 22-26. Parents can buy books during Poetry Night and Family Friday. Need volunteers to help with the fair.
* Farm To Table – First Grade had the opportunity to enjoy Italian salad during lunch. Spring Garden Workday will be in June. All 12 chickens are doing well. Egg raffle will start up again in June. 4th Graders made lavender and mint sachets.

**Communications Report**

* Compliment Day and Family Friday are on Friday, April 28th.
* PS11 Communication emails go out every Thursday night. They are very comprehensive and let families know what is going on at PS11. Please take a few minutes to read them. Please encourage others to read them also.

**New Business**

* One of our PS11 families lost everything in a recent fire. There will be communication soon on how we as a community can help them.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:48am.