**PS 11 PTA General Meeting**

Minutes

12/16/16

**Welcome/Approval of November Minutes**

- The minutes from the PTA General meeting were approved.

**Principal's Report**

- There will be two new programs implemented that will hopefully increase community building with our kindergarten parents. 1) Once a month, K parents will be able to take their students up to the classroom. 2) Once a week, K parents will be able to stay in the cafeteria with their students. Each K class will be assigned a color. That color will be used to designate what day parents can come into the cafeteria. \*\*Please note that during these times, it is not appropriate to try and talk to your child's teacher about specific issues. If this happens, the programs will be discontinued.

- Principal's Letter of Kindness: There was a lot of positive feedback regarding this letter. Kindness takes an effort. Please talk to your children about this issue and help them make plans for kindness.

- Weather: The Chancellor's policy of recess is that kids go outside everyday unless there is ice on the ground or the wind chill factor is 0 or below. There have been a few times this month where the kids have only gone outside for 10 minutes. PLEASE make sure your children come to school with the appropriate outerwear for playing outside.

**Parent Coordinator's Report**

- School starts at 8:50am. The building opens at 8:30am. Your child is **LATE** if he or she arrives to school after 8:50am. Please make an effort to be on time.

- G&T Testing begins the 1st or 2nd week of January. You will be informed of the specific date a week before the test. All students except for Pre-K will take the test at school.

The Kindergarten process is now open. Parents need to apply. Deadline to apply is January 13, 2017 for zoned families.

Pre-K applications: They are coming out shortly. If you have an older child attending PS11, make sure you mark that there is a sibling on the application and write the sibling's OSIS# on the application.

**President's Report**

- The PTA Exec Committee wants to form a grants committee. If you have experience in this area and want to participate, please contact Alex Levi at ps11ptapresident@gmail.com.

-Amazon.com: Please use the PS11 Amazon link when you shop over the holidays. A percentage of your purchase goes to our school.

- Thank you to our Lost & Found committee for all of their hard work.

-Thank you to Sienam for all of her hard work.

- Parent communication is important! Please give us your feedback and ideas are always welcome.

- The PTA Exec will be holding office hours once a month.

- Starting December 23rd, The PTA will be holding community coffees at the end of each Family Friday. Stop by on your way out to chat, provide feedback, etc.

**SLT Report**

- Architecture Night is coming up on Thursday January 19th.

- Book clubs are going well. Gift of Failure book discussion will be rescheduled.

- Quiet Lunch was successful and the program will resume once details have been hammered out.

- PS11 has an account for Brain Pop so all students are able to use it.

- The SLT discussed the Kindness initiative and Secret K&G.

- HOP/Show Me: The PS11 book of the month is posted there. Every grade uses it. The theme this month is kindness.

**Budget Report**

- The budget was distributed.

- Raised a significant amount of money this past month. Need to raise $450K but we are on pace to make this goal.

**Fundraising Report**

- Thank you to all of the class parents who got the word out about the annual fund.

- Annual Fund: We are at 63% participation as of 12/15/16. We have raised $275K. This is more than we raised this time last year.

- Paddle 8: Contemporary Art Auction. The preview of auction pieces will be March 13th. The auction takes place March 20-April 3rd.

- Charity Buzz: We net $150K from Charity Buzz. We need donations to auction off. Items that are extremely popular are experiences (e.g., internships, meetings, tickets to events, etc.). Go to charitybuzz.com to get ideas and to donate. If donating an item, make sure to list PS11 as the charity.

- Auction: Need volunteers for data entry. Need Gala volunteers also. The committee is also looking for a variety of donations.

**Membership Report**

- 11 for 11 Initiative: We are doing a big push for volunteers. There are so many ways to volunteer.

- If you are running an event and need volunteers, please contact Robin and Sellers at ps11volunteer@gmail.com and they will help you get volunteers for your event.

- One more parent volunteer for Young Artist is needed. If you are interested, please let us know.

**Events Report**

- Comedy for a Cause: 1) Tickets go on sale at noon today. 2) Sponsorship tables are sold out. We made $35K from the tables. 3) There are two levels of seating general admission and VIP seating. 4) There will be more talent added to the show.

- Architecture Night: Thursday, January 19th 6pm-7:30pm. This is a fun event where kids will learn a little about architecture and then get to build a large cardboard structure. This year, the focus will be on large horizontal structures.

**Programs Report**

- Library: The library is run entirely by parents. All shifts are covered but we still need more volunteers so the shifts will have more than one person.

- Chess: The Chess team continues to participate in meets and win awards.

- Farm to Table: 1) The second grade hosted "Lettuce Day." 2) We need more volunteers on the committee.

- Newspaper: 1) If you have an event that needs to be covered, please let them know. 2) The newspaper is looking for a parent graphic artist.

- Lost and Found: Need help finding your child's stuff? Use Label Daddy. PS11 receives 25% of your purchase. Go to labeldaddy.com to order.

- Lego: 1) They have a new coach from Smart Design in Chelsea. 2) Team will participate in regional qualifiers.

- Young Artists: 1) Registration is going on now. The deadline to register is Monday, 10am. The program starts January 9th and is for 1st-5th graders.

**Communications Report**

- There will be an email next week and another one on January 1st.

- There is so much great information on the PS11 website and we have a great web team.

- Please use the Amazon link that is in the email.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:07am