



**PTA General Meeting
June 7, 2019 9:00am
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:03 AM

Approval of May Minutes - Motion to approve May Minutes / May Minutes APPROVED.

Principal's Report: Bob Bender

- A big thank you to everyone who works so hard for PS11.

SLT Report: Robin Broshi

- CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) is currently being worked on by the SLT.
 - The CEP is the SLT's primary responsibility.
 - The current PS11 CEP can be viewed on the DOE portal listed below.
 - <https://www.iplanportal.com>
- SLT conducted elections for 2 spots for next year's SLT. The following 4 candidates were listed on the ballot and ran for the 2 positions.
 - Christine Lee
 - Vanessa Merlis
 - Emalyn Santos
 - Sheniqua Simon
- An opportunity was given to each candidate to either speak for themselves for 2 minutes or have someone read a 2 minute speech on their behalf.
- Following the presentations ballots were passed out and collected back.
- Ballots were tallied in the presence of the Association members.
- Later in the meeting, following the tally, Robin announced that Vanessa Merlis and Shaniqua Simon were the winners and thanked everyone and welcomed the new candidates to the team for next year.

Parent Coordinator's Report: Stephen McGill

- Please take some time to visit the mystudent.nyc to review your child's attendance.
 - By the end of the month it will be too late to make changes if you find mistakes so please review now and make sure mistakes are corrected before the last day of school.
- Important to also have a myschools.nyc account when applying to middle schools - this is where all your applications and information will be submitted.

- If you need your child's code for either, please reach out to Mr. McGill.
- The office is waiting for G&T acceptance records in order to finalize G&T enrollment for next year.

President's Report: Robin Lockwood

- A big thank you to the current Board for all their hard work.
- Outgoing members of the board were noted.
 - Robin Lockwood, Michael Walsh, Katie Salyi, Vishal Dixit.
- The uncontested slate for the Executive Board for the 2019/20 year was read in full.
- A motion was made by the Recoding Secretary to approve the uncontested slate in full.
- Slate was approved in full and motion APPROVED.

- A special guest - Alex Levi, former president of the EB and current 5th grade parent - was invited to speak at the meeting to discuss the history behind fundraising in recent years and how PS11 got to be such a powerhouse when it comes to fundraising.
 - A big thank you to Robin for all that she has brought to the school in the past years.
 - 8 years ago PS11 was a much smaller school and their diversity number dropped 5% below a required threshold which resulted in \$300,000 of annual funding from the state being pulled from the school.
 - All this despite the fact that PS11 was (and still is) the most diverse school in the district.
 - The parents/PTA of the school at that time got together and decided that together they could work together and raise the \$300,000 to keep the school at the level that they had worked so hard to achieve.
 - It was during this difficult time that fundraising efforts grew tremendously and many programs were "born" that are still alive today.
 - During this time the school enrollment was much smaller - PS11 didn't even take up the whole building. The school grew and at the same time diversity grew and the PTA raised a good % of the \$300,000 that had been pulled.
 - Over the years the school has grown more reliant on this fundraising as it pays for so many of the programs that we have all learned to love. Most of the Arts, Dance, Science, Field Trips etc. are all funded with PTA raised funds.
 - PS11 depends on the generous funding provided by the community.
 - This fundraising is not easy and requires a lot of effort on behalf of everyone but matters tremendously to ensure that all students of PS11 have a fair shot at success when they walk in the doors.

- Last year (2017/18) the PTA raised \$1.0 million - this was a banner year of fundraising.
- This year we were really lagging - annual fund was behind.
- An email was sent to the school community and happy to announce that over the past 2 weeks the contributions were able to close part of the gap and therefore resulted in fewer cuts in programming for next year.
- A couple of the programs that were cut for the 2019/20 school year are as follows:
 - T shirts - each K student will be given a t shirt but events like gratitude day students will be asked to bring their own shirt.
 - Phone service -the robo calls that are made regarding early dismissal etc.
 - DC and Camping - these items will be partially supported by the pta.
 - Feld trips - families will be asked to cover the costs of field trips

- The goal for the year is not to raise \$1.0 million - the proposed budget has been lowered to \$878,000 raised and the Board feels confident in this number.

Finance Report: Michael Goldsman

- Proposed budget was reviewed:
 - Total income - \$878,000
 - Total expenses - \$697,000
 - Net income - \$43,350
- The PTA doesn't keep a reserve - this net income is to cover expenses early in the year the following year.
- Motion to approve the proposed 2019/20 budget / Budget APPROVED

Fundraising Report: Kate Daly and Stacy Glass

- Annual fund ended up achieving over \$400.0 thanks to the generous contributions of the community.
- Participation is really lagging this year. The goal is 85% and we are currently around 65%.
- Fun run was down to budget this year coming in a \$47k fun run on a budget of \$65k.

Events Report: Lisa Cox

- Events are winding down with the school year.
- Looking for some key chairs - please reach out if anyone is interested.
 - Charity buzz - auctions off experiences.

Membership Report: Amy Vezzetti

- 4 events where volunteers are needed. Please go to the website and click on the raised hand to sign up:
 - Book exchange
 - Field Day
 - K ice cream social
 - 5th grade moving on ceremony

Programs Report: Mori Ninomiya and Laura Sanzel

- Young Artists program culmination is Sunday 6/9
 - The GIANT Room donated the space in a gallery.
 - The High Line Nine- W 27th street - show is 12-5.

Meeting adjourned - 9:54 am