

# PTA GENERAL BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2018 9:00AM

## Minutes:

- June Minutes were approved.
- **Erik Bottcher** - Corey Johnson's Chief of Staff attended the meeting to greet the school.
  - His office is here as a resource of all PS 11 parents.
  - Helps the school to cut through red tape.
  - Help tap into council discretionary funding.
  - New AV system was paid for by this office.
  - This years budget of \$150 million to make schools wheelchair accessible.
  - PS11 is at the top if the list to get money for this topic.

## Principal's Report:

- Introduction to important members of PS 11 Staff:
  - Stephen McGill - Parent Coordinator
  - Cassandra Gregov - Asst Principal
  - Dawn Resevear - Shadowing Mr. Bender this year to
- Ryan Center - PS 11 is one of the few schools that has a school based health clinic
  - Anthony Schmertz - Social worker in the Ryan Center - Mental Health issues. Depression, Anxiety, Conduct issues. They are here to provide assistance. Referrals come from the school, the nurse practitioner, as well as the parents. His first call will be to the parents and get permission to see the children. There is no out of pocket cost to the family. Feel free to stop by the office room 320 on Tues, Thurs and Fri
  - Leslie - She is the health arm. Appointments can be made. Make sure your kids get flu shots. The Ryan center can handle this so please sign the consent form. Reminder about allergies. Please make sure you fill out the proper forms for the epipen. Hours are 8-4 M-F
- As of today (9/21) there are 905 PS11 registered students - largest District 2 elementary school
- Mr Bender was able to keep class size low. Hire many additional teachers thanks to the PTA budget.
- Mr Bender reported that this summer the PTA funded himself along with some other staff of PS 11 to attend a program at the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence. Building this awareness is a focus for the school over the next couple of years. This program is a 3 year program and the year's focus are as follows:
  - Year 1: Adults becoming more emotionally intelligent. Pilot classes a little bit this year. All about Staff development on recognizing and regulating emotions.
  - Year 2: rollout to the school.
  - Year 3: Full implementation.

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- Another focus of the year is racial equity and cultural sensitivity. PS 11 has received a District 2 NY State integration grant this year. Been awarded first part of the grant.
- A District 2 racial equity and action task force has been formed which represents 11 schools in District 2 - Mr Bender will be a part of this Task Force.
- The goal of the Task Force is how to improve temp housing students life.
- Ps11 continues to be a model school - currently mentoring 3 other schools in NYC. This is the 3rd year of the program.
- Other programs that are up and running: Columbia Teachers College reading and writing units with the 5th grade piloting a program on graphic novels, Chess, Hip Hop (4th grade), Education in Dance (K), Wonderhut, Rosie's Theatre Kids (5th grade)

### **Parent Coordinator's Report - Mr. McGill:**

- Meets the K students - they are doing great, walking into the building. Very few tears. Parents have been helping the kids navigate through the process. Thank you to those parents!!! 5-7 parent volunteers helping the kids in the morning.
- Please fill out the first day packets. Please make sure to complete the lunch application online! the school gets a report telling who hasn't filled out. Please fill this out no matter if they eat lunch or not.

### **SLT Report:**

- The SLT (school leadership team) is something that is mandated by the state. Parent elected as well as teachers, Bob and Debbie.
- They are responsible for writing the comprehensive education plan. Set of measurable goals which are updated periodically.
- Many responsibilities are taken on by this committee. They run the curriculum night which will be on the evenings of 9/25 & 9/26 please join them to hear about the curriculum taught during the year
- One initiative this year is discussing racial equity and social justice to support Mr. Benders goals for the year. Part of this is the book club. Teachers use these books for professional development as well.
- Book is called the The Hate You Give. Great book. Looks at the issues from different angles. Think about the school and the connections. There is also an audio version. Please Join the SLT in reading this book and joining the SLT book club.

### **President's Report ([ps11ptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)):**

Nominations and Election

3 positions open on the board:

- Co Secretary:  
Katherine Salyi
- 2 member at large positions  
Confidential Candidate  
Julia Hernandez-Eli

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- Vote approved to bring the above 3 members onto the PTA Executive Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Budget Report ([ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)):**

- Budget was distributed. Items to note:
  - Raised \$1.0 million for school last year.
  - From last years budget a big chunk was reserved to pay \$400,000 to the school for the hiring of additional staff! Thank you PTA!

### **Fundraising Report ([ps11annualfund@gmail.com](mailto:ps11annualfund@gmail.com)):**

- Run the annual fund. 40% of the income that comes in. This team strives to achieve 100% participation in the annual fund. There are 2 main reasons to hit this goal.
  - School community building.
  - Grants - when PS11 applies for grants, funders want to know the participation rate in order to gauge parent involvement.
- Ask that each family contributes \$500 per child. Obviously understood that there are different ways to contribute if this is not possible. The PTA spends over \$900 per child.

### **Events Report ([ps11ptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)):**

- New Parent Social 10/4 6:00-7:30 - please join
- Fall Festival - Parent Vendors and Spooky Stage/Curtains - Sat 10/29
  - Need parent participation to make it happen. Ways to contribute to this event:
    - Need donations for the raffle.
    - Donate supplies - Amazon wishlist set up - please donate
    - Volunteer your time
    - Bake for the bake sale.
  - \$10 for non ps11 kids - all ps 11 kids will attend for free.
  - Rain or Shine!
  - Etsy vendor fair as well on the block please support them. Those vendors donate to the school in order to participate.
  - Also formalizing this year parent vendors. Please fill out the forms to sign up for a booth.
  - Also a camp fair as well.
- Art to Remember
  - All the kids have completed their self portraits. You will be able to purchase gifts to be delivered in time for the holidays.
- Chairs Needed
  - CFAC Co-Chair - Feb Comedy for a cause - very significant fundraiser they are looking for logistics minded person. Please reach out.
  - Art Auction Chair - anyone in the art/gallery world they would love to talk to you.

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**Programs Report ([ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)):**

- Young artists - This is a program taught by parents - please get involved. Classes run in early 2019. Info session in oct
- Farm to Table - busy already harvesting. Fall work day in early nov. Table at fall festival
- Library - very good way to get to know the community.
- Book Fair - 2 x year - every class visit is the book fair. Every child goes home with a book. 10/26-11/1 is the first book fair.
- Merchandise - budget is 20k in sales due to overwhelming success last year!
- Lego Robotics Team info session Monday@ 3:10 room 405. Please attend.
- School Newspaper - need a Co Chair - they won't be able operate without. Please join.
- Chess - grades K-5. Oct 13th chess team hosts their own tournament.
- Spelling Bee - 4th and 5th grade program. Compete for scripts national spelling bee.
- Lost and Found - need volunteers for Mon and Weds

**Membership Report ([ps11volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:ps11volunteer@gmail.com)):**

- 11 for 11 / Volunteer Survey / [signup.com](http://signup.com) - created a guide to what they need for volunteers.
- Fall Festival - need 175 bodies to make that work. Please sign up!
- Scholastic Book Fair needs Volunteers
- K Committee / K Coffee Update-
- Need members of the grant committee.

**Communications Report ([ptaps11@gmail.com](mailto:ptaps11@gmail.com)):**

- Please email anything for the weekly newsletter by Wed 7pm for the Thursday newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM