



**PTA General Meeting
May 17, 2019 9:00am
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:05AM

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

Student Council Report: Gabriel & Maya

- Announcing pilot of new cafeteria point system.
 - New system of giving out points to clean tables. Awards will be given.
 - Doing some tests this year but starting officially next year
- Next and last spirit day will be June 5th - Create your own superhero day!

President's Report: Robin Lockwood & Santhi Yarlagadda

- Note - all event and program chairs formatted budgets are due today. Please discuss after the meeting if you are having challenges.
 - Exec Board budget meeting is Wednesday night - 5/22.
- Gala update/recap - word on the street is the best gala in years. So many people to thank:
 - Annie Walsh and Melanie Gomez - hundreds of hours - great event, thank you!
 - Juliet Hernandez Eli & Katie Salyi for the huge boost in sponsors.
 - Christina Old and Anna Pine for auction - please share the auction on social media - bidding open until 5/22!
 - Numbers are up to \$176k raised - one more week on online auction.
 - Last year grand total was \$185k.
- Nominations for EB members - Sonal and Dominica of the nominating committee presented the 2019/20 slate for the PTA Executive Board:
 - President: Santhi Yarlagadda & Jackie Paolone
 - VP of Membership: Amy Vezzetti, Stacy Glass, & Jen Dickson
 - Treasurer: Sarah Kim & Monica Chun
 - VP Fundraising: Kate Daly & Juliet Hernandez
 - VP Events: Lisa Cox & Leslie Sloane
 - VP Programs: Laura Sanzel & Mori Ninomiya
 - Recording Secretary: Peyton Coleman & Emily Ro
 - VP Communications: Perez Mattison & Aarti Sanan
 - SLT Rep: Jordan Wright

2 Members at Large will be nominated in September.

- Additional self nominations (in pairs) were solicited from the floor.
- No additional nominations were made on top of the slate.

Principal's Report: Bob Bender

- No scaffolding news yet - maybe a couple of weeks. Confirmed permits are in place - process is running.
- 4th Grade camping trip this week - looking like good weather.
- Note: lots of teachers absent from their classrooms.
 - All teachers are given 5 days to plan next years curriculum. Taking the time and planning ahead is the way to go for a successful year.
- Next year will be focused on racial equity teaching. Will be changing how teachers at PS11 are teaching.
- Finishing up K registration - 7 K classes next year.
 - If you know any neighborhood families - please urge them to come in.
 - Currently there is a wait list for kindergarten.
- Looking to fill 6 teachers seats next year. If you know anyone looking please pass along.
 - Currently the DOE has a hiring freeze. No new candidates. We can only hire teachers currently employed by the DOE in other schools. Let Mr. Bender know if you know of anyone looking.
 - This year the racial equity team did an amazing job bringing in new potential candidates for interviews - unfortunately due to the hiring freeze - these candidates can not be considered currently.
- A huge thank you for the amazing Gala and all the work. Thank you!!
- On a fun note - Mr. Bender got. card (in the mail) from a student who graduated 3 years ago getting ready to go to high school.
 - The note thanked Mr Bender and the staff of PS11 for how prepared he felt for high school due to the education he received at PS11! What a wonderful tribute.
- Fun Run happening Wednesday 5/22! Families invited to join.
 - 8:55 4th and 5th grade
 - 10:05 prek k 2nd grade
 - 11:20 1st and 3rd grade

Parent Coordinator Report: Stephen McGill

- Apologies to the PS11 families for pre k seats. 1 pre k class with 18 seats.
 - Currently 8 siblings at the top of the wait list.
 - This means that not one resident without a current sibling got a seat.
- Deadline to place yearbook ads is today! Go to the website for the link.
 - A PS11 parent offered to help w graphic design for those at the meeting that needed assistance with their ad. A big thank you to him for offering.

SLT Report: Robin Broshi and Jordan Wright

- 2019/20 SLT Nominations occur are closed as of this meeting.

- Received 4 nominations prior to the meeting
 - Christine Lee
 - Vanessa Merlis
 - Emalyn Santos
 - Sheniqua Simon
- One self nomination was presented at the meeting:
 - Heather Zicko
- SLT - School Leadership Team consists of parents, teachers, Mr. Bender and and Debbie.
 - Primarily responsible for the CEP - Comprehensive Education Plan.
 - SLT takes on additional roles as well: school safety, book club, family fridays.
 - 5 elected parent spots. This year elections will be held for 2 spots where terms are ending.
 - Meetings are Tuesdays are 3:30-5:30 and it is a 2 year commitment.
- Book club with Mr. Bender will be meeting next weds am at 8am - location TBA.

Programs Report: Laura Sanzel & Mori Ninomiya

- Young Artists is wrapping up and the show will be the culmination of the program.
 - Gallery show in Chelsea - High Line Nine from 12-5pm on June 9th.
- Last book fair has finished!
 - Overall the event did pretty well given all the activity going on.
 - Attendance was down on family Friday so that took the overall sales down.
 - Still opportunity to shop online.
 - Thank you - incredible work by the whole team!
- Great news - the spelling bee has 2 new chairs for next year!
- Lego robotics team had their info session for next year -
 - 16 kids attended.
 - Fundraising with the lego mini figures has been going well.
- Chess team went to nationals in Nashville and did very well - great job.
 - K-1 team placed 10th
 - K-3 team placed 13th
 - 1 player - Avaan came in 2nd place for the entire country!!
- News paper - may edition is out - link on the site - check it out.
- Math club update: Rebecca Sokolovsky
 - Had a great year with Math Club - they just had their celebration.
 - This year kids competed in a national competition - Noetic Learning Math Contest
 - They placed in the top 10% nationally.
- Ms. Golub's music memory team went to a city wide contest.
 - all 3 teams came in 1st place!

Events Report: Leslie Sloane & Lisa Cox

- So many thank you's for putting on such great event. It takes a village to do these events so thank you to everyone involved.
- That being said the group is in need of some strong talent for next year to help transition some of these events and keep them successful.
 - Auctions - looking for people to run the auctions next year
 - Comedy For A Cause - looking for committee heads.

- Camps auctions - point person for the camps to own those relationships.
- Spooky stage shadow - needs someone to shadow next year.
- Charity buzz - Really need a chair to help maximize this event - its behind the scenes but crucial and has an opportunity to bring in a lot of money to the school.
- Please pass the word to your networks on all of these positions. Let us know if we need to reach out to anyone.

Fundraising Report: Kate Daly and Stacy Glass

- Noted that the school is falling behind on fundraising this year and we need a major boost.
- Annual fund participation is down - only 57%. So far the contributions are at \$320k this year and we are down.
 - Please spread the word!
- Fun Run update
 - A lot of enthusiasm. Thank you.
 - Lagging pretty significantly to last year.
 - The team is hoping with the gala behind us that ground can be made up. It's a big number but It's not impossible.
 - As everyone is aware changes were made to the program based on feedback from the parents to make sure students are not involved in the fundraising.
 - 245 students pledged so far.
 - 400 students registered but not pledged.
 - 44% of the kids in the school are registered.
 - Communications in folders, email and social media.
 - So far - pledges are from 24 states and 6 countries. This fund raiser is so strong because it gives the community the chance to reach out to their social networks.
 - Question was raised for children who opt out.
 - Children who opt out of the event will work with Mr. Bender and other staff members during the run.
 - Many changes have been made to accommodate the concerns raised from last year and we would hope that families would take part in the event regardless of contribution.
 - Due to "event congestion" the team is looking to move the fun run to fall for next year in hopes of a more successful event.

Finance Report: Michael Goldsman

- Numbers overview reviewed - overall gross revenue as of 4/30 is \$480k out of \$804k budget.
- Based on this we are very far behind and we need help.
- Due to the size of our raise last year and being a 501(c)(3) organization, an external audit is required starting this year.
 - So far we have received 3 quotes and they range from 8k to 12k.

Membership Report: Amy Vezzetti

- Volunteers needed for field day - please go to the link on the site to sign up.
- Good news is the first set of Twitter volunteers are in the school today.

- An alum who graduated in '01 rallied her coworkers. Thank you to all! This is a partnership PS11 would like to continue to foster.

Communications Report: Michael Walsh and Aarti Sanan

- Lots of things going on at PS11.
- Please pass the word to your networks about all that you heard today.
- Email ptaps11@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 am