



General Meeting  
January 21, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

**Meeting begins:** 9:10 a.m.

### **Approval December Minutes**

### **Principal's Report (Serena Mueller)**

**-Playground repair.** Corey Johnson gave us \$68k, fully funding our playground padding project.

**-Portfolios.** They will go home with the children on Jan. 30. Some may come home with promotion in doubt letter. Don't panic.

**-Student Council Members.** Five members of our student council addressed the crowd of parents and told them they are working on coming up with different lunch activities, lunches, salad dressings and vegetable taste-tests. They also informed the crowd that a lot of kids want more recess equipment like balls, hula hoops, tether balls, and lower basketball hoops. "We are working with Mr. Bender to get these."

### **Parent Coordinator's Report (Stephen McGill)**

**-Fifth grade applications.** If any of you have a fifth grade student and need information from the portfolio before it comes home, email your classroom teacher and they'll give you the information you need.

**-Recess.** The Chancellor insists we have students go out for recess. The only time they will not be going out for recess is if it is icy, snowing, raining or the wind chill factor pushes the perceived temperature below zero. Please dress your children warmly on really cold days. And please label their items with their first name, last name and class name.

**-Kindergarten application deadline.** The deadline date is February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**-Glass in lunchboxes.** Please don't send in any glass in kids' lunchboxes. Some kids have broken them, and it creates a dangerous environment in the cafeteria.

**-Attendance.** Middle schools are now putting out the rubric they use as criteria for selecting children for schools. Attendance, which we have always known to be a factor, plays a greater role than had initially been thought.

**-Crossing guard.** The intersection at 21<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be getting a crossing guard within the next two to three weeks.

### **SLT Report (Robin Broshi)**

**-Enrichment proposal form.** We have created a form, soon to be posted online, that those with ideas for new programs at the school can fill out. The forms have been formatted to help the SLT decide if they fit in with the school's education objectives.

**-Book Club.** Tomorrow marks the start of round two of the book club. There will be more flexibility in the format this time in order to allow more people to participate. If you can't make tomorrow's meeting you can still participate, but there's a form you need to fill out online. On the website, under the SLT button, you will see an option called "SLT Book club." You can pick from a variety of options, including books, articles, or videos. Groups will self-select based on topic and format, and each group will decide how it wants to communicate within the group.

### **Treasurer's Report. (Jamie Sowlakis)**

**-Update.** Jamie gave an update on where we stand in our fundraising, and how we allocate funding during the year based on anticipated expenses.

\*Numbers available upon request.

### **Fundraising (Nicole Dorrell)**

**-Annual Fund.** It's doing well.

\*Numbers available upon request.

**-Amazon.** We've raised \$5,000 via Amazon. Please shop through the link on the PS11 website. As much as 6.5% of your purchase goes to PS11.

**-Target and Staples.** Credit cards from these vendors allow you to specify that a percentage of your purchase go to PS11.

**-Comedy for a Cause.** The event is sold out. The Charity Buzz auction goes live on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> and will run for three weeks. It is open to the entire country. There will be an after party at CFAC. We need volunteers for CFAC kids.

**-Chicken Calendars.** They are \$12 each. See Debbie to purchase one

## **Community Programs Report.**

**-Science Fair.** Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Third and fourth grade will display their projects from 9:15 to 10:15 in the cafeteria. Fifth graders will display theirs in the evening, from 6:30 to 8. Participants and parents are welcome.

**-K&G Valentine.** Each student makes a valentine for a student in another class. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers from 8:50-11 a.m. to sort, stamp and deliver cards to the classrooms.

**-SLT book club.** The first meeting is January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 a.m.

**-Farm to Table.** If you can help us purchase herb, plants or seeds, email PS11farmtotablegroup@gmail.com. We are looking for volunteers.

**-Library.** They have new books, but they are chronically understaffed and need more volunteers. The library may need to close on certain shifts for lack of volunteers. If you have some hours to spare speak to Colette.

**-Paddle 8. (Jay Lehman).** This auction is similar to Charity Buzz but only sells contemporary art. We raised 12k last year and are shooting for 50k this year. It will launch in the last week of February or the first week of March. It will be in preview for two weeks, and then up for live auction for two weeks. The hard deadline for donations is Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Community Events Report (Liz Danneels)**

**-Fairway.** Please shop at Fairway and use your PS11 card so that a percentage of your purchase goes to PS11. Our main contact there has left. We don't have food donated anymore for our cooking classes, but we are still getting olive oil from them. We are hoping Whole Foods will help, and we have talked to Garden of Eden, West Side Market and Foragers. We haven't gotten very far with any of them, however.

## **Community Membership Report (Colby Trane)**

**-Comedy for a Cause Kids.** We need five parents on Saturday on each shift to help run things.

**-K&G Valentine's.** We could use a few more volunteers.

**-Coin Drive.** Wed. Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to man a wheel barrow in the mornings on those days. Whatever grade raises the most money gets to go to the new treasure box to pick out prizes.

**-Gala.** We're going to need volunteers to do data entry for auction items, solicit high end donations, nuts and bolts donations, and sell raffle tickets.

**-Spelling Bee.** The Manhattan Spelling Bee will be held next Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Julia Richman Education Complex at 317 East 67<sup>th</sup> street. The Spelling Bee has been approved by the SLT as a continuing PS11 program. If you would like to be involved, email: [ps11chelsea.bee@gmail.com](mailto:ps11chelsea.bee@gmail.com).

**Meeting adjourned 9:57 a.m.**