



**May 13, 2016
General Meeting**

Welcome: 9:08

Approval of April Minutes

Principal's Report (Bob Bender)

H.O.P. We have a new no homework policy. We're launching it on Monday with the fourth grade. They were ecstatic until they learned that there will be homework in fifth grade (as preparation for middle school practices). There will be no assigned HOPS (home optional practice). Every single grade has planned out May/June HOPS. Teachers have been thoughtful about planning things you can do at the dinner table and walking around the city with a mixture of online/tablet and printable resources. A letter went out to fourth grade families yesterday. If you go to PS11showme.com you will see HOP. The SLT philosophy and the research that was discussed are all online if you would like to review them. Today an FAQ will be posted. Undoubtedly there will be more to do. It's important that we get your questions—they help us re-think and shape the design of the program.

G&T placements. They are coming out the week after Memorial Day.

Parent Coordinator's Report (Stephen McGill)

Yearbook ads are due. The deadline is Wednesday the 18th. You should have gotten the information you need to place an ad through a class parent, in your home folder or online. Please send in by Wednesday the 18th. We can't accept anything after that date.

Photographs for yearbook. We asked that the photo be uploaded to a specific grade and labeled. If it's not labeled or uploaded properly we are going to dump them. The designer doesn't know all the children or the events. The info has to be labeled correctly if you submit.

Gala (Adrienne Filipov and Elaine Chang)

Auction. It's live. There are great deals on there—tickets, jewelry, lessons and classes. Please share the links with family and friends. There are links to the PS11 online auction and Charity Buzz, which has some higher end options. At the gala there will be a live auction.

**SLT Report (Elizabeth DeVita-Raeburn & Paul Raeburn
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HOP. The big news. (Bob has already explained it.)

CEP. We're working on the comprehensive education plan.

Election. There are openings for three spots on the SLT in June. We will take nominations at the floor at the June meeting. You can also send an email to ps11slt@gmail.com. Someone else can nominate you even if you aren't here. Everyone is invited to give a little speech or have someone read out something you send in if you can't attend. During the meeting, people will write down their three choices on a piece of paper and we will tally it up and announce those elected at the meeting. It's a two-year term. Another way to participate in the SLT is as the PTA president's appointee. The Chancellor's regulations say that the PTA president has a spot on the SLT. The president designates someone to take their spot at the meeting. You can contact the PTA president about this option.

President's Report (Colby Trane and Alex Levi: ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

PTA elections. We will have a special election in June. Some of our board is coming back but we do have open spots. The commitment is one Wednesday evening a month, from about 6-8 p.m., sometimes 9. The bylaws are online at the bottom of the following linke and they detail each of the positions (<http://ps11chelsea.org/pta-overview>). We will take nominations from the floor at the June general meeting. You don't have to be there at that PTA meeting. You can request to be nominated for a specific position and send something to be read by someone else.

Budget Meeting. We will have a preliminary budget for next year to present at the June general meeting.

**Fundraising Report (Sienam Lulla & Santhi Yarlagadda
ps11annualfund@gmail.com)**

Annual fund update. We are on target *numbers available upon request.
(ptaps11@gmail.com)

Match. Every 5% we go up in participation we get 5K. As of this morning we are at 80%. People can give any amount. We are shooting for 100% participation.

Budget Report (Michael Goldsman: ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

Budget Overview. We are in pretty good shape for what we need to raise for the rest of the year to cover our budget. We will probably raise it via the Gala and Auction. *Numbers are available upon request. (ptaps11@gmail.com)

Quiet Staff Training (Bob Bender, Colby Trane and Alex Levi)

Quiet was our recent book club book. The research shows 1/3 of the population is introverted, which means that everyone is related to, gave birth to, married to or knows an introvert. It's new research based on the fact that, for some kids, just engaging, saps all of their energy, and that in expecting kids to behave in extroverted ways we are not honoring the quiet powerfulness of our introverted kids and teachers. The book talks about a lot of great leaders who all said they would not be able to achieve what they had to achieve if they'd had to do it as a team. This year Susan Cain, the author of Quiet, started a foundation which trains ambassadors to help schools implement strategies and structures for our quiet thinkers. The foundation wanted to charge \$17,500.00 to train two ambassadors. We got them down to \$3,500. It's the first year. They are working with private schools but are desperate to work with a public school, too. For more information, see the book Quiet or Susan Cain's Ted talk on the subject.

The PTA board suggests amending the current year budget to include \$3,500 for training two PS11 members on the Quiet research. The motion is seconded and a vote is taken from the General Membership. The motion passes with majority support, none against, none abstaining.

Membership Report. (Eric Ruben Hadzic & Stacey Vukelj)

Events Report. We need volunteers for the auction, the day after the auction, the fifth grade moving on ceremony, and the potluck. (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

Programs.

Lego. They are doing great. We'll be doing it again next year. There will be a table outside the last family Friday.

Chess. The Chess Team did great in Nashville. Fourth grade couldn't attend because it overlapped with the fourth grade camping trip.

Farm to Table. It's going well. One chicken died, getting two more in June.

Communication's Report (Sonal Patel & Michael Walsh: ptas11@gmail.com)

Please read our updates!

Meeting concludes 9:45 a.m.