

PS 11 PTA General Meeting

9/23/16

Minutes

1. President's Report - Alex Levi & Mike Farrah

- Welcome to all members from Alex Levi.
- Call for approval of the June PTA General Meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes from the floor and a second. Motion passed and minutes were approved.
- Nominations for Open PTA Executive Positions

1. VP(s) Membership

Robin Lockwood nominated.

2. VP Fundraising

Kate Daly nominated.

3. VP(s) Programs

Adrienne Filapov nominated.

Carrie Beth Griffith nominated.

4. CO Asst Treasurers

Aili Areng nominated.

Catherine Doyle nominated.

5. Members at Large

Leslie Sloane nominated.

Rose Maroney nominated.

- Alex asked for nominations off the floor for VP of Membership. No one volunteered.

2. Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Town Hall Safety Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27th in the auditorium. Asst. Principal Serena Mueller will be facilitating the meeting. If you can not attend, all information will be shared on the PS11 website.
- Math and Literacy Nights were well attended. All presentations are up on the PS11 website. Mr. Bender highlighted some key places on the PS11 website that can be very helpful to parents: "A Year in the Life of a PS11 Student" page, HOP, and Show Me. There are two tutorial videos for HOP and Show Me that are very helpful.
- Remind Me App: A flyer was sent home in folders and was distributed at the PTA meeting that explained how to sign up for important updates from Mr. Bender.
- PS11 has been promoted to a Learning Partner Host School this year. Administrators and teachers will be working with PS 185 and PS 191. Mr. Bender, Ms. Mueller, and several teachers were selected as model administrators and teachers by the DOE.

- Various specialty programs are up and running. We look forward to a great year.

3. Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- Kindergarten is doing great in the morning. Thank you parent volunteers for helping to make everything run smoothly.
- PS 11 website has been updated for middle school announcements. Please check for new information regularly. Tours book quickly.
- First Day Packet. Please send it back asap if you have not done so already. There are thousands of updates. Please be patient. Please send in a note to your teacher if someone new is picking up your child until all updates are put in the system.
- <https://mystudent.nyc/> is an important website you should register for. It gives you lots of information about your child. It is especially important for 3rd-5th grade families because this is where NY State test scores are disseminated. You will need your student's OSIS number to register. If you don't have it, you can obtain it from the main office or email Mr. McGill. Please identify yourself and your child's full name in the email.

4. SLT Report - Robin Broshi

- Robin explained what the SLT does. The School Leadership Team is a collaborative team made up of an equal number of faculty and parents. One objective of the SLT is to evaluate the academic needs of PS11 students and produce a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) that proposes ways to meet those needs. The second objective is to plan and implement family workshops like Math & Literacy NighT, parent ID program, parent book clubs etc. that foster parental involvement and community building.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to email the SLT at ps11slt@gmail.com

5. PTA Executive Board Positions Voting

- A vote was called and all positions were voted in.

6. Budget Report - Michael Goldsman

- Budget Overview: The budget has been updated. To date, there is an expected 80K deficit. This will change as revenue comes in.
- 2016/2017 Budget Vote: The budget was presented in June. Budget was voted on and approved.

7. Fundraising Report - Alex Levi

- Alex explained that all of PS11 fundraising initiatives are generated by the parent body.
- Information regarding how to donate to the annual fund will be coming home in

back packs. The PTA is projected to spend \$850 per child this year. We are asking each family to contribute \$500 per child. However, any amount is appreciated. There is a \$25,000 match going on through December 15th. If we get 50% school wide participation, the school will receive 25K. Any amount counts toward participation. If a class has 100% participation, the students in that class will get a visit to the treasure chest.

- **Comedy For A Cause:** Dara Godfrey discussed what the program was. She is looking for parent volunteers to help with the program. She also needs donations for the auction that coincides with the event. Entertainment related donations sell very well. If you are interested in going to this exciting event, buy your tickets early. Last year, tickets sold out in 2 hours.

- **Paddle 8:** This is an online auction house, connecting buyers and sellers of fine art and collectibles across the world. The auction raised \$30K for the school last year. The program needs new gallery space, artists and parent volunteers.

8. Membership Report

- The 11 for 11 Initiative was explained to members. It is really helpful if parents complete the online volunteer survey letting the PTA know how you can volunteer. Please complete the survey even if you have done so in the past because information changes as well as schedules. Please list your email address. 183 people have completed the survey so far.

9. Events Report- Liz Willette Danneels

-New Parent Social: Tuesday, September 27th, 6:30pm-9:30pm. New families are invited to attend. We encourage everyone to go to this fun event.

- Student Portrait Fundraiser - Every student made a self-portrait. Parents will receive a code to order on the website. One can purchase various items and will receive their orders before Christmas.

- Fairway Program. Go to the PS11 Website to get a card. There was a glitch this summer, so if you signed up for one during the summer, please do so again. Sorry!

- Fall Festival. This is a wonderful school/community event. Lots of volunteers are needed as well as baked goods, Amazon wish list items, etc. Please help out of you can.

10. Programs Report - Alex and Mike

- Library (Chair is Catherine Doyle): Volunteers needed. It is a once a week commitment.

- Farm to Table (Chair is Elinor Johnston) - This group runs the chickens and garden. November 5th is Farm Day. Need volunteers.

- Newspaper (Chair is Marliece Krebs) - This is a student newspaper. PS11 has 12 editions so far. We need parent mentors.

- Lost and Found (Chair is Annie Walsh) - Please label your kids stuff. It makes it easier to return lost items to their owners. If you would like to help out, volunteers

meet 3 days a week for 15 minutes each.

- Lego Robotics (Chair is Sophia Mata) - Flyer went out. Need parent help. Need more 5th graders.

- Chess Team (Chair is Joyce Punnoose)- Nationally ranked players at our school. Need parent volunteers to help with fundraisers.

- Book Fair (Chair is Laura Sanzel) - Our 2 book fairs raised 9k last year. Our first book fair will be held October 24-28. Need volunteers to help out.

- Amazon - The PTA needs someone to head this up.

11. Communications Report - Michael Walsh and Aarti Sanan

There are several ways to find out what is going on at PS11. The PS11 website is a great tool to use. Parents also receive weekly emails listing events (check your spam boxes). A third type of communication is our notice boards in front of the school.

Meeting Adjourned 10:05am.