

PS 11 PTA General Meeting

Minutes
1/20/17

Welcome/Approval of November Minutes

December minutes approved

Budget Amendments

A proposal was discussed to increase the budgets for the 4th Grade Washington, DC trip and the 5th Grade camping trip by \$16,000.

- The original amount needed was \$21,000, but Mr. Bender found savings in others areas.
- These trips are very important for our students.
- Our various fundraising efforts will have to try and increase the amounts raised to make up the difference.
- 4th grade families might have to pay a \$175 per student cost for the DC trip and 5th grade families might have to pay a \$100 per student cost for the 5th grade camping trip if the money is not made up in the amended.

Amendment was approved.

Principal's Report

- New semester begins January 30th. There will be new schedules for students.
- 3rd Graders are performing their Circle in the Square plays today.
- 5th Grade musical has 65 students involved. New record! Seating at the performances are first-come, first-serve. Come early and stand in line.
- 5th Grade graduation is really important at PS11 and we are outgrowing our space for the event. If you have any connections or know of a space that can accommodate a capacity of 700-800 people, please let Mr. Bender know. Any leads are appreciated. We would need the space for graduation day and one day for rehearsal. A facility walking distance from the school would be preferable.
- -PS11 has been approved for a new handicap accessible ramp for entrance into the building (from the playground area), 4 single use elevators and a unisex bathroom in the cafeteria. DOE will be paying for it.

Parent Coordinator's Report

No Report

President's Report

- -Liz is moving to Colorado and we would like to thank her for all of her volunteer efforts at our school.
- Taking nominations for a new VP for Community Events. Marquise Stillwell was nominated and unanimously approved.

SLT Report

- Architecture night was a big success. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen.
- Book discussion: Gift of Failure, February 3rd, 8:30am, PS11 Library (4th floor).
- The SLT is brainstorming how to implement quiet lunch. Stay tuned.
- Looking at ways to implement cursive writing into the curriculum.
- January 28th the CEC is sponsoring a workshop on race. 9am-4pm. There are only 50 spots available. There will be more info on the PS11 website. If you are interested, you can also email info@cecd2.net

Budget Report

- Expenses this month were \$22,000 (e.g., wonderhut, dance, chess, reading recovery).
- Revenue was \$79,000 (annual fund)

Fundraising Report

Annual fund has 65% participation and 75% its fundraising target.

Membership Report

- The library REALLY needs volunteers. Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays (most urgent).
- Farm to Table: Need volunteers for garden and veggie help.
- Comedy for a Cause Kids need volunteers.
- Gala: all sorts of volunteers positions needed. There was a suggestion to do a quick presentation at the kindergarten coffee to explain what the Gala is and how parents can help.
- -If you can help with any of these areas, please email PS11Volunteers@gmail.com

Events Report

No report

Programs Report

- Comedy for a Cause: Feb. 7th, 8pm-10pm. Surprise guest is Lewis Black. Working on auction items. January 25th, auction goes live.
- Kids Comedy for a Cause: March 11th, 2 shows, tickets go on sale Feb. 10th.
- MLK Chess Tournament: PS11 came in 3rd place.
- PS11 Newspaper is in need of volunteers.
- Lost and Found: You can purchase labels from Label Daddy to help keep track of your children's items and help raise money for the school.
- Young Artists: In full swing and going well. All classes are full.

Communications Report

Communications emails go out on Thursday evenings. If you have something you want to communicate to the school, please send the information to ptaps11@gmail.com by Wednesday, 6pm.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:47am