

PS 11 PTA General Meeting

Minutes
3/10/17

Welcome/Approval of February Minutes

February minutes approved

Principal's Report

- Science fairs
 - 3rd Grade – March 17th, 9:00am - 9:30am
 - 4th Grade – March 20th – 9:00am - 9:30am
 - 5th Grade – March 16th – Evening (Top 10-20 projects are competing for a prize)
- Kindergarten Admissions: There are 3 tiers of admissions offers.
 - Tier 1 – Zoned with siblings
 - Tier 2 – Zoned
 - Tier 3 – Non-zoned with siblings
 - This year is the first time that Tier 3 students have been offered seats in the first round of offers. Historically, they have been made to wait until round 2.
- 5th Grade is taking dance.
- Track and Field is starting soon.
- 2nd Grade rehearsal started.

Parent Coordinator's Report

- Parent Survey: Please take a few minutes to complete the parent survey. Only 69% completed the survey last year. Our goal is 85% this year. You can complete the paper copy or fill it out online. If you fill it out online, you need the code that is on the bottom right hand corner of the paper copy.
- Kindergarten Registration: There will be emails going out with preassigned appointments for parents. When you arrive for your appointment, please be patient. It could take up to 45 minutes to get through the process.

President's Report

- Nominations Committee:
 - We need 2-3 volunteers to serve on the PTA nominations committee.
 - Requirements: 1) Someone who is not planning to run for the PTA Executive Board. 2) Someone who can encourage others to run for the Executive Board 3) Two month commitment.
 - Took nominations from the floor. Laura Sanzel volunteered to be a part of the committee. We will be looking for one more volunteer.

SLT Report

- Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP): This is a process required by the state. There are a set of goals established for the school and an analysis of if and how these goals are accomplished.
- Enrichment Proposal Form: If any parent is interested in developing an enrichment class for students, please complete this form on the PS11 website. For example, a math club will be a new enrichment offered to students this year.
- SLT Openings: There are two spots available on the SLT. The committee meets on a Tuesday once a month. It is a 2 year commitment. If you are interested, please email ps11slt@gmail.com.
- Kids book club met yesterday and it went well.

Budget Report

- A check was written for Afterschool Dance.
- Bookshelves were ordered for the library.
- Headings for financials on the budget report were explained.
- Comedy for a Cause did very well.

Fundraising Report

- Annual Fund:
 - Raised \$326,706 to date. The goal is \$345,000.
 - Participation is low. Please encourage fellow parents to give. ANY amount counts!
 - A suggestion was made to work with class parents to increase participation. Kate will work with Stephen McGill to give tips to class parents.
- Charity Buzz: Comedy for a Cause raised 150K to date.
- Gala: Need to push for auction items. "Experiences" are very popular and make a lot of money.
- Contemporary Art Auction (Paddle 8): The auction begins March 13th.
- Auction:
 - Goal is to have 400 auction items donated. To date, we have 200.
 - We accept all types of items from restaurant certificates to unique TV or entertainment experiences.
- Camp Auction: The deadline for the auction has been extended to Friday, March 17th.

Membership Report

- CFAC Kids needs 2 people to help out during the afternoon show.
- BIG thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far this year. All of our wonderful events cannot happen without you.

Events Report

- Gala:

- Theme is Bollywood
- May 15th at Hudson Terrace, 621 W. 46th ST
- Ticket sales start April 3rd. One week sale for \$50 per person. After that, tickets will cost \$100 per person.
- Tickets that include a VIP Hour cost \$250 per person.
- 501auctions.com/ps11 – you can buy, donate, get tickets, etc. One stop shopping.
- Young Artists: Gallery reception will take place April 23rd.
- CFAC Kids: March 11th. Ticket will be sold at the door.

Programs Report

- Chess: PS11 will be hosting a tournament on April 1st. NY State championships in Saratoga on March 10th.
- Lego Robotics: The team will be competing in the semi-finals.
- Spring Book Fair will be held May 22-26.

Communications Report

- There is no meeting about state testing this week. If you would like more information about testing, please go to the PS11 website.
- Please read our weekly emails and follow us on Facebook.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45am