



PS 11 PTA General Meeting

September 22, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:20PM
100 General members
11 Executive Board members
111 PTA members in attendance

Welcome

Abby Koreto introduced the EB members to the general assembly.

The PTA has purchased a new e-mail system that allows us to keep track of which members have read PTA e-mails and when.

Bylaws/Chancellor Rules Overview

Chancellor's Rules are followed citywide.

PS11 bylaws are here to help us govern ourselves. Although they are complicated, we have to follow the rules and regulations.

New bylaws have to be reviewed soon.

Subcommittee on the bylaws will be created.

Approval of June Minutes

Minutes of June '10 meeting submitted for approval and approved.

Principal's Report

Bob Bender introduced Doris Kreibich, the UFT Chapter Chair.

Parent Christy Rinney discussed the mural painted in the schoolyard this summer by Brazilian twin brother artists. This \$45,000 project was completely funded by a CEO of Nike.

Mr. Bender noted how much the students are already doing this school year and wanted parents to know that the potluck dinner this year (Friday, September 24) will have more information about the school's events, specialties and enrichment programs; curriculum coffees in the morning; SLT sponsored events and Family Fridays.

The First Family Friday for fifth graders will be a meeting about middle schools and the Washington, DC trip.

The Department of Education (DOE) will post the letter grade results next week. The results are comprised of the parent survey, student progress and student evaluations.

New this year as an evaluation tool is the Common Course Standards, which will change the way we teach in areas that need improvement and the ways in which parents will know about their child's performance; i.e. parent conferences may be different this year — instead of report cards, there may be portfolio assessments. In the future, students will be given four performance tests throughout the year.

We suffered huge budget cuts this year and had to lay off a teacher, the morning program and some support staff, but we made a commitment that students would not feel this effect.

The PTA is funding the entire arts program this year.

Parent Coordinator Report

Stephen McGill explained that new parents may download the PS 11 Family Handbook from our website, as we are trying to save paper.

October 1 is Picture Day, with Pre-K having a makeup day.

October 7 at 8:50AM is the class parent volunteer meeting.

October 12 is when the parent handbook will be available on the DOE website for incoming kindergarten students who are interested in the Gifted and Talented program. The deadline to submit an application is November 12.

Please fill out the lunch forms.

Please note whether you received a phone call from the school about the potluck dinner. If you did not, you are not registered on the ATS — please inform the office.

The library is back. Linda Incantalupo is looking for volunteers to help her on September 24 and 27 between 9AM and 12PM. This is a temporary library. Christine Quinn gave us a \$350,000 grant to remodel our old library as a multimedia center.

Treasurer's Report

We are posting this year's budget on the PS 11 website.

Keith Morton discussed the following:

- The role of the treasurer
- How much money the PTA has
- What we do to help our students
- Where we get our funds

At the end of August we had \$125,000 in the bank. We have about \$80,000 now.

The money that is raised is used for art, dance, school furniture and enrichment activities. The money comes mainly from the PTA members and our annual fundraiser and auction.

Last year the auction raised \$90,000. This year we'd like to raise \$100,000.

Budget Vote

Two budget items were approved:

1. PS 11 website maintenance: \$1,269.00
2. Summer Project Pizza Party: \$300.00

Members-at-Large

Todd Parmett and Kathryn Crosby were voted in as the new Members-at-Large.

Fundraisers

The Annual Fund is ongoing.

Another way to raise money through the Annual Fund is through corporate matching.

The Fall Festival is designated as a fundraising event but it is also a community event. Every child gets a free meal and there is also a crafts fair outside the school. It will be held this year on Saturday, October 16, and many volunteers are needed.

Lorrie Veasey spoke about Crafts in Chelsea, which takes place outside the school during the Fall Festival. She also noted that Etsy, the crafts' co-sponsor, was fined \$8,000 for posting flyers on the street — they need to be inside. She handed out two types of flyers for people to post inside their offices, buildings and supermarkets.

The Sample Sale is in December where beauty, house wares and clothes are sold.

The coin drive is where kids give money and the class that raises the most money has a party — this is ongoing until January 28, 2011.

The Auction and online auction is an important fundraising event. It is held annually at Chelsea Piers Sky Terrace and we encourage everyone to attend. The next Auction will be held on Monday, May 16, 2011.

We also have bake sales and merchandise sales.

The yearbook is another fundraiser where parents can buy ad space. Every student receives a yearbook.

We are looking to increase our grants. We need grant writers.

SLT Report

We work on a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) that aligns with the state standards, which are available on our website. We will be working on a new CEP this year. We chose 2-3 community goals to work on; e.g. our Kind & Gentle program. Our first event is the Potluck Dinner this Friday, September 24. We also host Books and Burritos, math events, poetry night and a workshop on puberty. We also host the end-of-the-year school dance. The SLT is made up of teachers, parents and a UFT representative.

SLT Spending of Title 1 Money Vote

We receive money from our Title 1 status and 1% of that money is for parent involvement, in the amount of \$3,504. We ask that the PTA give the money to the SLT to spend on poetry night, Books and Burritos, etc. Vote approved.

CEDC Report

We need a parent from our school to attend the Community Education Council (CEC) meetings to ensure that our voice is still heard regarding the future of District 2 and our school.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Minutes taken by Barbara Cornell Chávez