

# PS 11 PTA General Meeting

Minutes  
2/10/17

## Welcome/Approval of January Minutes

January minutes approved

## Principal's Report

High School Musical is February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Guest Speaker - Aloysee Jarmoszuk

- Mr. Bender introduced the guest speaker from the Department of Education EPA Office who is also a PS11 parent - Aloysee Jarmoszuk
- Three representatives from the DOE presented information about The Lead Campaign.
- In September, the New York State regulations changed for testing water. A major change was to test the water on its first draw as opposed to flushing the water first before testing it.
- Over 100 samples were taken at PS11 on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The following areas were found to have traces of lead: 17 hose bibs on the exterior of the building, one faucet in the cafeteria and one fountain on the second floor.
- Any pipes or fixtures inside the building that were found to have lead levels above 15-20 parts per billion were shut down and are being replaced. They will not be restored until tests are normal.
- All areas are being addressed. However, the water will never be 100% lead free.
- NYC has the best water in the country. It is clean and lead free because it is treated. If lead is present it is because of a fixture or pipe not the water.

### Questions from parents:

1. Does the hose bib on the roof have lead because we water our garden up there? *No*
2. Is the kitchen safe? *Yes*
3. What does "elevation" mean? *It means that the water coming out of a particular fixture has an elevated lead level that is above 15-20 parts per billion. That is a red flag and action needs to be taken. The fixture and/or pipe will be replaced and the water will be retested. If the lead levels are still above standard, more investigation will take place.*
4. When will fixtures in the building be replaced? *Within the next 2 weeks. The DOE is only replacing drinking fountains inside the building. They will not be replacing the water bibs outside the building.*
5. Where is the lead coming from? *It is coming from the fixtures. There is no lead in NYC water.*

## **Parent Coordinator's Report**

- Retake Picture Day is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Photos need to be returned by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **President's Report**

- Family Friday is February 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a PTA Meet and Greet in the cafeteria afterwards. Please stop by.
- Nominations Committee will be convening soon. If you are interested in a PTA Executive Committee position, please email ps11ptapresident@gmail.com.

## **SLT Report**

- Architecture Night was a success. It was fun and creative. The theme was Building Bridges. Congrats to all involved.
- Mindfulness and Quiet Lunch initiatives are still be discussed.
- Gift of Failure workshop went well.
- There will be another book club in March.
- Kids Book Club is going well.
- Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> is the next SLT meeting.

## **Budget Report**

- \$17,000 was raised for the annual fund this month.
- Made new category on the budget sheets for "credit card fees."

## **Fundraising Report**

- Comedy for Cause: Ticket sales/tables raised 69K net, Auction raised \$31,686 and Charity Buzz raised 42K.
- Annual Fund raised 50K through donations and matches.
- There will be an Annual Fund table at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade show. Selling mugs for \$11.

## **Membership Report**

- Need K&G Valentine volunteers for Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am.
- Comedy for a Cause Kids needs volunteers.
- Gala sign up link will be coming out soon. Look for it!
- Library is still in need of volunteers especially on Fridays. If you can't commit to weekly hours, sign up to be a sub.
- Newspaper still needs coaches and a graphic designer.
- Yearbook has various volunteer opportunities available.

## **Events Report**

- Gala: Solicitation has started. Need donations. There has been only 60 donations so far. Last year, there was 400. Flyers/info is coming home in folders soon with clear instructions.
- Comedy for a Cause for Kids: Tickets go on sale February 10<sup>th</sup>. Story Pirates will perform two shows on March 11<sup>th</sup> (11am & 1pm).

## **Programs Report**

- Manhattan Spelling Bee took place on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Three of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated.
- Chess team participated in the 51<sup>st</sup> City Championship. 27 PS11 students participated. Two of our students placed in the top 5 and six students received individual awards. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the next tournament.
- Lego Robotics took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the “Robot Design” portion of their competition and the team will be going to the Lego semi-finals.
- Farm to Table is serving salad family style during lunch to encourage students to eat more salad. The committee is also facilitating workshops like the aroma therapy sashes (relaxation) for 4<sup>th</sup> graders close to state testing. The chickens are still doing well.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Show: There will be extra tee shirts on sale at the show for \$15.
- Young Artists: April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the gallery show. More details to come.
- All programs need parent involvement. Get involved!

## **Communications Report**

Weekly emails go out on Thursdays. This is a great way to get information on what is going on at the school.

All information can also be found on the PS11 website.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am