

General PTA Minutes for April 20, 2018

1. Minutes Approved
2. Student Council Report:
 - Designing hall monitor program; hope to have it ready for next year
 - Upcoming Spirit Day: April 27: Compliment Day
3. Principal's Report:
 - Compliment Day: Thanks to Laura for agreeing to order t-shirts
 - 2nd grade show will occur on 4/20
 - Accepted to Yale's emotional intelligence program called Ruler; principal, guidance counselor and teachers will attend Yale's summer training; will implement the program next year
 - Applied for a grant for Border Crossers; if selected, the organization will come into PS11 and identify and present ideas to address an issue around racial equity
 - ELA testing occurred last week; math tests will take place on 5/1 and 5/2
 - Will add a seventh Kindergarten class to alleviate next year's wait list
 - Started registering kindergarteners last week
 - Teachers will plan next year's classes and a Year in a Life document in May and June
 - The 2018-19 calendar is on the DOE web site; school will begin 1 day earlier
 - Received DOE approval to increase diversity in the G&T program
4. Presidents' Report:
 - Revised PTA bylaws; integrated programs with membership positions
 - The Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for Executive Board positions
 - The Board positions will be voted on during the June general PTA meeting
5. SLT Report:
 - Held a meeting this week; parent book club has been engaged with racial equity reading
 - Exploring ways to broaden parent involvement in racial equity
 - Ordered books in the library to meet racial equity expectations
 - Nominations for 3 SLT positions will close at the May general PTA meeting; votes will occur during the June PTA meeting; for more details, go to the SLT section of the PS11 web site
 - SLT is comprised of parents, teachers, the principal & the after school coordinator
 - The SLT meets monthly and is tasked to write the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP); sets academic and social/emotional learning goals
 - Created lesson plans for the Bullying versus Conflict Family Friday
 - Next year, the SLT will sponsor 5 Family Fridays
 - Met the new Chancellor; encouraged by his remarks
6. Fund Raising Report:
 - Reached 90% of the targeted Annual Fund goal
 - Contributions have slowed this semester; need to push up family participation
 - Coin Drive: coming up next week; fliers for it are being sent in students' folders
 - Raised \$68,000 through a new collaborative fund raiser with Boosterthon, the Fun Run
 - The money raised from a wider community will pay for each student's annual school supplies
 - A parent strongly objected to the event citing lack of transparency and communication failures; Fund raising VP and PTA presidents acknowledged communications and transparency will

improve; shared detailed explanation of the selection process for Boosterthon

- Stated that no parent or student is required to participate
- Co-treasurer explained that the PTA hopes to negotiate a higher profit percentage next year as PS11 exceeded original fund raising expectations
- Fund raising VP stated most of the feedback was very positive and several parents voiced their support of this new fund raiser
- Will move the date to May next year; parents were invited to participate in formulating a better communications process

7. Treasurers' Report:

- Meeting the targeted budget fairly well
- The PTA in March paid \$19,000 for the 5th grade D.C. trip and \$21,000 enabled dance programs to be enjoyed by PS11 students
- Working on better ways to communicate information to the PS11 parent community
- CFC anticipates April income of \$30,000

8. Events:

- Parents encouraged to place orders with Art to Remember for teachers and moms for Mother's Day; can email Events team for your child's code; can get artwork from previous years
- Gala: Auction will go live in 10 days
- A flash sale for reduced Gala tickets will occur on 4/23; the Gala is a community builder
- VIP tickets enable guests to mingle with teachers an hour before the event opens to the general audience
- Auction items are sought and to bid for an item, go to 501auctions.com
- Ask class parents to announce the need for almost 100 volunteers for the Gala; seeking 1 hour of volunteer time during the event as well as time for setup and breakdown
- Need volunteers to sell raffle tickets and to accept auction donations next week
- Go to the PTA section of the web site to sign up; thanks for the already donated items

9. Membership:

- Need volunteers for the Gala; sign up on the PS11 web site

10. Programs:

- Young Artists will exhibit on 4/29 at a Chelsea gallery
- 3 members of the girls Chess team will attend the national meet in Chicago
- Parents encouraged to remind students to return library books on Library Day

11. Communications:

- Email items to ptaps11@gmail.com by Tuesday for inclusion in the Weekly Digest
- Check ps11chelsea.org for updates; if you see an error, contact the communications team