



**PTA General Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2019 @ 9:00 AM**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:03

Approval of September 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve September Minutes/ ALL / September Minutes APPROVED

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- 65 visitors today from across country are here to observe and learn from how our teachers teach reading and writing
- 2nd graders are about to start creating their own documentary films based on their own creative writing - this new program (sponsored by the PTA) is run through Take 2 Academy
- Student Council elections are this week
- Kindergarten author parade is Monday
- Reminder that kids go outside unless wind chill is dangerous so please dress children accordingly
 - Kids will not go outside in high winds, if windchill is below 0 or during frostbite warning
- Culturally responsive teaching celebrations are underway (Latin X this month), we need help from families from these and other communities to help structure future months: Indegenious Americas, Pacific Island, Black, Woman, Asian, LGBTQ
- In order to be more culturally responsive, teachers took a very different approach to starting the school year this year.
 - Teachers spent September really getting to know the kids.
 - All assessments were held until October.
- Another concern for the kids has been reading level digression over the Summer. Students who traditional have slipped 1 or more reading levels over the summer were identified last year.
 - These students were guided on how to get through the summer and due to this guidance Mr. Bender was proud to announce the following results:
 - 89% of students identified in advance who had reading loss historically kept or gained in level after the summer.
 - Compared to 73% of students overall gained or maintained (did I hear this right?)

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- SLT continues to work on CEP as it relates to cultural responsiveness - explained that culturally responsive teaching is more than celebrating awareness of cultures but also relates to how children of different cultures learn in different ways
- Book Club - parents will be asked to engage with some kids books that are more racially and culturally representative, talk about which ones "speak to" their own experiences and which ones don't, and ultimately recommend which ones should be adopted into the classroom

President's Report - Jackie Paolone & Santhi Yarlagadda (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- Electronic Sign in for attendance implemented today
- 8th Ave Security



- PS11 continues to meet regularly in School Safety Committee Meetings with Capt Kevin Coleman
- School Safety Committee requested from Transportation Committee and CB4 to remove electronic LINKS units on the west side of the street between 20th and 22nd street as there is a disproportionate amount of them in this area that is contributing to unsafe conditions in this zone. If removal is not possible, request to disable charging capabilities in these machines.

Fundraising Report - Kate Daly & Juliet Hernandez (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Annual Fund
 - Working on ways to be more creative in fundraising including communication through powerpoint on what funds support specifically
 - Please bring fundraiser ideas to Juliet and Kate
 - Corporate Sponsorship is going well, if you work for a firm who contributes to charities let Kate and Juliet know
 - Many checks have been signed for programming and we need replacement funds as our account balance lowers
- Boosterthon Fun Run results
 - Netted nearly 40k for school, fell just short of projection
 - Reasons for shortfall:
 - Move to early Fall meant it was very close to last year's
 - Communication may have been lost with info overload at the beginning of the year
 - One parent noted that some parents gave more to Annual Fund during the Fun Run and it was confirmed that the Annual Fund did receive slightly more funds than typical this time of year

Budget Report - Monica Chun & Sarah Kim (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- October checks written each year
 - Recess monitors 48k
 - Day swim instructors 18k (additional lifeguard)
 - Kindergarten dance class
 - Hip Hop and African Dance program
 - DC Trip - hotel, accommodation and tours
 - Green Market/ farm market coordination
 - Cookshop
- PTA has funds from cash balance from last year that will cover excess until further funds come in if we can't cover all these checks now with current YTD contributions.

Events Report - Leslie Sloane & Lisa Cox (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Art to Remember
 - Families will be receiving a personalised order form soon - deadline to order is Nov 4th
- Fall Festival & Street Fair - Sat, 10/19
 - Wristbands will go home on kids today for Festival entry- PS11 kids are free with wristband
 - Thank you for all the time people have put in
 - We still need volunteers, please recruit your friends



- Odditorium was scaled back due to lack of volunteers
- November 18th we will start communicating trivia night at One Star Bar for parent's trivia night
- Comedy for a Cause - Jan 21st - please see Leslie if interested in working on this
- Gala and Auction
 - New chair introduction Anna Pine (auction solicitation), Corynne Razos (auction), Juliet Hernandez (Gala Chair)
 - May 13th is 2020 date - likely at Marquee

Programs Report - Mori Ninomiyai & Laura Sanzel (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Library
 - All shifts full and 20 new volunteers - THANK YOU!! If you missed out on signing up and still want to help please reach out to the library
- Book Fair - Oct 25 (Family Friday) - Thu, Oct 31
 - Parents may shop after Family Friday, Oct 25
 - They need help setting up 6:00-8:00 on Oct 24th
- School Newspaper
 - Printed issues are looking for advertisers
 - Hope to print enough for each child at school
- Chess
 - Thanks PS11 for successful Columbus Day tournament
 - Nov 16 is next tournament
- Spelling Bee
 - Nine 4th graders got perfect scores
- Young Artists
 - Small groups at lunch and before school meet with parent mentors to work on painting, sneaker design, cake decorating and other creative projects - looking for a new Chair to shadow this year and take over next year - see Kelly (new chair) - Dec 1st is fingerprinting date so they need help before then
- Merchandise will be at Fall Festival - soft launch last week at K Coffee
- Lego Robotics Jr- K-3 team is starting this year - starting in January
- Expanded Lost and found will operate on Family Friday

Membership Report - Amy Vezzetti, Jen Dickson & Stacy Glass (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- 11 for 11! @ Fall Festival - NEED VOLUNTEERS!
 - If you want to volunteer for open volunteer slots, click raised hand icon on the PS11 homepage
 - Urgent need to recruit for FF
 - Working on Parent Survey for volunteers
 - Young Artists teaching/helping volunteers needed
- K Committee / K Coffee update
 - The year's K Coffee agendae is planned out

Communications Report - Aarti Sanan & Perez Mattison (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Deadline is Wed morning for Thursday school email communication



- Please follow us on social media

Meeting Adjourned: 9:36