

ANNUAL FUND



11 FOR 11!

**General Meeting
October 30, 2020
Meeting MINUTES**

Meeting begins at 9:15AM

Welcome / Approval of 10/2/20 minutes

- Approval of October 2, 20120 Minutes: Motion to approve October Minutes/ ALL / October Minutes APPROVED

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Introduction of Ryan Center - Julie, Nurse Practitioner
- Telemedicine available for remote or in-person learners, info on PS11 website
 - Flu Shot available - submit form and schedule appointment
 - Mental Health available - not DOE, confidential
 - School based Social worker also available
 - Full Range of Services, Physicals, bloodwork and testing, full range of services, and all childhood Immunizations
- Cohort B - Early dismissal at 11 on Tuesday - Election day - no staff members at school except kitchen and safety staff. Regular instruction day, afternoon instruction will be Asynchronous. Time for planning for teachers
- 9-12 Breakfast/Lunch grab and go available
- PTC's being scheduled - Finishing up initial assessments, Grades in January and June
- Grading Policy - schools can decide on their own grading policy, not permitted to give any failing grades. 4 point scale. Level 2 and 1 are failing grades, N's, 3's and 4's.
 - SLT will help develop grading policy
 - If parent is not happy with final grade - parents can ask that grade can be changed to MT
 - Mr Bender is asking District 2 for a district wide policy
- OPTING -IN
 - New Policy - 11/2 to 11/15 deadline to Opt-in, from DOE
 - WAIT to make a decision for opting in until Nov 15, Bob will try to have more and better info for families to make a decision by then.
 - Urge to reach out to DOE/Chancellor for any concerns
 - 3 ways to reach out
 - Carranza's email/phone number - carranzanycchancellor@schools.nyc.gov, 212-374-6000
 - <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/give-parents?>
 - Motion/vote to send a letter on behalf of PTA by the President and the SLT - unanimous approval, no abstentions or denials
 - Possibilities for accommodating large numbers of students Opting-in
 - Current levels of teacher/staff adequate, but they may not be placed in a live classroom with their same teacher - most classrooms can only fit 9.
 - Getting an exception for additional cohorts is possible, and more will be discussed if necessary
 - Bob is willing to accommodate some flexibility in terms of when to return to class (for example, tell Bob that you will be returning in February as long as virus condition is good)
 - You cannot Opt in and not show up (will marked as absent and cannot attend remote)
 - Communication is key between school and community



President's Report - Jackie Paolone & Lisa Cox (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- Revised Budget will be discussed today
- Fundraising email will start to begin, it's very important that we have a good fundraising year this year due to uncertainty of this year and next.
- Participation is key more than amount. Corporations are interested in schools with committed families

SLT Report / Elections- Jordan Wright - Board made up of 6 parents, 6 teachers, Mr. Bender and a Community Liason - Debbie

- Elections
- 3 Spots open - Votes to be submitted to A. Jordan Wright in Private Chat - Self Nominations
- All nominees were given the opportunity to speak for 2 minutes each.
- After speeches were made votes were submitted privately via chat and votes were tallied separately by both Jordan Wright and Rachel Schwartz.
 - Inbar Aricha-Metzer
 - Reshma Saujani
 - Edward So
 - Patricia Lopez
 - Heather Gerchberg
 - Sonal Patel (withdrew her nomination prior to speaking so was not included in the voting list)

Fundraising Report - Juliet Hernandez & Tess Knoebel (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- 3 main ways the school raises money
 - Annual Fund - this is family donated. ask about corporate matching at your work
 - New - Sponsorships and Grants - need more people to help out with outreach or please approach and businesses you know of.
 - Events - will be challenging with covid, Fun Run will be replaced with something everyone can participate in
- PTA spends \$900/student annually. This year it was spent to make sure every student had a computer device.
- Family engagement is the most important aspect when you think about donating.
- Read-a-thon (please invite friends and family) will be combined with a book drive for all students at ps11. Looking for volunteers for both.

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

- 2020/21 Budget update
- Enrollment is down, and events need to be reconsidered, hence numbers were adjusted to accommodate.
- Vote to approve, motion, second, all in favor, none against -Revised budget was passed



Events Report - Leslie Sloane & Lucy Flint (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Trying to keep Comedy for a Cause a school tradition. Anyone with contacts in the comedy world, please reach out
- Possible Trivia Night
- Any ideas and how to do things are welcome!
- Art to Remember

Programs Report - Mori Ninomiya (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Scholastic Book Fair will be happening, email was distributed, Mori is sending link.
- LEGO Robotics for K-5. Sets get mailed to home, once a week virtual meet up. If interested in participating email PTA programmings and will be connected
- Chess Club is still accepting students, 130 students participated in the tournament earlier
- Spelling Bee - looking for a parent to chair the event.

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

- Volunteers are always wanted, typically we ask each parent to spend 11 hours. But please reach out if you have any ideas, time, or any pertinent skills.
- Art to Remember - art will be uploaded at home this year. Portion of proceeds will go to PS11. Ms Larson may be involved in organizing.

Communications Report - Pia Padukone (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- Please provide feedback as to whether there is too much or too little information being distributed.
- We manage the social media accounts, and if families don't mind, please share home life, home work with us as a great way to build up the community.

More Messages from Bob Bender

- Random testing started last week. 90 students and staff were tested. No positives, went very smoothly. All students who had tests went home with a letter. It will be conducted monthly.
- Health Screening is on an honor system. Please be truthful over the Holidays. Please Quarantine, and notify your teachers (and cc Bob), and you will be able to attend remote.
- Sit tight for opt in decision, families should wait until close to 11/15 e to choose as there may be last minute changes.
- Very very proud of the blended program they have built so far.
- Cohort structure can be changed per program or grade with DOE approval. Bob is willing to consider it but will not do this without feed-back sessions with families that are affected.
- Typically, Registered Projection (# of students) is submitted to DOE at the end of the year and money is given per student. Right now there are 100 less students than was projected meaning \$400K will technically be "owed" to the DOE (can't imagine DOE asking for that money back from all schools). That being said, the PTA budget seems to be a smart approach. Bob thinks we will be okay.
- Programming is what makes PS11 special and will be trying very hard to preserve those things
- Families can go all remote at any time, but cannot then come back (as for now).



- SLT board election results were taking a while to ensure accuracy. They were tallied following the meeting and results were posted on the website.

Jordan - thanks to all who ran for the SLT board, even if you don't win this year, there are many other ways to help out, and more spots available next year.

Adjournment 10:45 am