



**PTA General Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020 @ 9:00 AM**

Welcome - Meeting begins at 9:07 AM

Approval of December 2019 Minutes: Motion to approve December Minutes/ ALL/DECEMBER Minutes APPROVED

Ballots for SLT Nominations

Nominations taken from the floor:

- Intro from Jordan about SLT
 - meetings once a month on Tuesdays 3:30 to 5:30, minutes and more information available on the Website
 - Principal values the SLT voice. Initiatives from parents goes through the SLT. Academic, Safety, Culture
- Fill void for 5 more meetings until end of year, then there will be another election for a 2 year term. Attendance is important
- SELF NOMINATIONS:
 - Inbar Aricha-Metzer
 - Christine Lee

Student Council Report - President Ruby

- Side Bar - Student Council helps during lunch
- Spirit Day - Thursday 23, create your own Super Hero. No full face masks
- Mr McGill to discuss big project - sustainability

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Superhero Day, if you had a power to help the world what would it be, kind superheros, no weapons
- First semester ends on 1/24, beginning 1/27 child will have new specialty classes
- Grades will be sent home, twice a year grade sheet is sent home with culmination of child's work.
- If you had a specialty class in Fall the specialty grade is the final grade. Especially important for 4th Graders. Make a copy of that report card and save it.
- Portfolios coming home at end of January
- Any child with promotion "In Doubt" means there's concern about progress based on benchmark, schedule a conference to discuss.
- K-2 enrichment classes finishing up, Friday will be K-2 Enrichment celebration
- Fully funded by PTA K-3 teachers will be sent to learn how to use coding and robotics in Math classes. Small robots being purchased for every single K-3 grade class.
- Coming up soon, before next PTA meeting, Wizard of Oz show, free, Friday 2/7 6:30PM, Saturday 2/8 12 PM Matinee.



5th Grade Show - Laura Sanzel

- 2/7 Friday Night at 8PM, 2/8 Saturday 12PM
- Backstage volunteers needed, parents and alumni welcome
- Merchandise Sales, Wizard of Oz t-shirts
- Bake sale for both performances.
- Volunteer page on PS11 website, sign up for one or more shifts.
- Amazon wish list for theatre needs

SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- SLT book club continues to meet - this year looking at culturally inclusive kids' books, reading and making recommendations on incorporating them into the classroom
- Family Friday in February - last SLT sponsored school wide family Friday - topic will be Bullying
- State has a big integration grant to desegregate schools. District put together a team to make a proposal, sent to SLT's and ask for feedback. SLT is working on the feedback. Plan is not published yet, will be addressed at CEC meetings
 - Plan has 3 major ideas
 - One is to train teachers in culturally responsive pedagogy. Will look at test scores and absences. SLT will recommend more variables. Do they feel supported?
 - Second is how to get more representative students in different schools. Potential recommendation is to ask schools to change their admissions rubrics and criteria to address disproportionate student body. SLT feedback is that this is too vague and not robust enough
 - Last idea is a Pilot project in China Town schools - which are under-enrolled and segregated, plan to alter criteria in China Town school. Pilot and test. The SLT feels doing this in Chinatown is not representative of the general Public Schools.

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

- Strong months - reached match challenge
- Exceeded 65% school wide participation 20K from donor
- Overall fundraising - good position this year - overall at near 400K
- More work to do for the rest of the year
- Annual Fund 214K, not including 20K to make up for shortfalls from last year's fundraising. Behind by 20K from last year
- Extra push needed
- Kicking off a new Match challenge for Spring
- The 20K gets us to where we were last year, but we're still 40K short from where we want to be
- Challenge for this semester as an incentive to get to 95% participation - popsicle party
- Major fundraisers coming up
- Shout out for corporate sponsorship - exciting conversations with local, major companies, big gifts of 50K or more
- If you work for a large company talk to PTA to reach out to the company for donations. Some companies have donation arms
- Charity Buzz - people are willing to pay for networking experiences with us. Offer time/lunch networking opportunity. People excited to spend time with us in NY/Chelsea



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

- Comedy for a Cause - next week, buy tickets. Auction.
- Parent in school put an idea 8 years ago. Became one of the biggest fundraisers. 150 to 200K is raised every year from that event.
- Spring of last year parents took initiative to start Lego Robotics Jr. Team. Team launched beginning of the month. Parent driven. Anything is possible, administration and PTA/board is interested and can help
- Construction update - official updates every two weeks. There haven't been any issues that have come up.
- Safety update - safety meeting once a month. Ms. Gregov in charge. Involvement from NYPD, head of 10th precinct, attends every single one of them.
 - Rough beginning of year due to issues on 8th avenue. Past 6-8 weeks on 8th Ave has been better, with increased security with undercover presence.
 - Working on getting charging stations to be removed. If we see anything different, bring up these concerns to PTA presidents, will be brought up to Captain Coleman.

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

- TD bank balance a little over 200k
- corporate match up to almost \$23K
- Sales 16K
- 14K from CFOC
- 1K from J Crew
- 500 PS Post
- 500 Merchandise
- Annual Fund almost 215K, special purpose funding almost 20k
- YTD comparison for Annual Fund running behind about 25K,
- Expenses were payments for Enrichment
- \$23k for Rosie's Theatre
- \$11k for Film Academy
- Tax receipts coming out. In the past, donations greater than \$20 received a tax receipt. This year, it will be \$100+. However if you need a tax receipt, please reach out to treasurers and we'll generate one.

Announcement - for SLT Election results following votes counted in the room.

- Voting results by ballot, attendance verified.
- Inbar Aricha-Metzer was elected SLT member.



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

- Awesome people in the school planning awesome events
 - Comedy for a Cause - next week
 - Erin- Comedy for a Cause CFAC - Tuesday
 - Very full house, able to raffle off 8 teacher tickets
 - Fun and new auction items
 - Buy more raffle tickets
 - Drew winner for 2 tickets for the show
 - Juliet - Gala
 - Kicking into intense planning mode, looking to solidify team. May 13 at Marquee, will be looking at the venue day after CMFC, interested volunteers can attend the site visit.
 - Jeff Gardner - in charge of spring gala auction - anyone looking for a role can contact him
 - Irene, Co-chair - creative mind.
 - Thank you to the cochairs

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

- Kelly - Young Artists classes started this week.
 - 13 classes with 33 parent volunteers for 8 weeks until March 13 end with a gallery show
 - 2 drawing classes, 2 sculpture, color exploration, video art class, sound art class
 - very large number of students interested, could not accommodate everyone.
 - Get involved now for next year. If you are an artist or not, can still work as assistant. Looking for another co-chair. One parent volunteer available, we need another. Kelly will not be running it next year.
- Library - need volunteers for Mondays.
- SPELLING BEE - Manhattan spelling bee was yesterday, sent 3 students Avery, Akshay and Annabel, Akshay made it to Top 10 and will be representing PS11 in the Citywide Spelling Bee.
- Lego robotics senior team - competition coming up at Horace Mann
- Chess tomorrow - free MLK Tournament, sold out. Free to watch
- Math Club - Franco ps11mathclub@gmail.com - starting in Feb /March. 6 classes. More volunteers needed. Unfortunately will not be able to accept all students. Lottery will be conducted soon and announced
- Newspaper - Rebecca
 - Remote coach - coach kids who are writing articles.
 - Advertisement raised \$500 from PS11 Post, 2000 copies for every edition. New edition coming out. Advertisement 150-200 characters per ad. 50 to 100 dollars per ad. Please promote Advertisements to local businesses



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

- Newsletter comes out every Thursday - PTAps11@gmail.com
- Anything advertised needs to be sent by Tuesday night.
- Anything you would like can divert sections on the website for information
- PS11PTA on Facebook
- Join Instagram, updated daily

Membership Report - Jen Dickson (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Kindergarten Coffee, also for new families
 - Right after drop off, 30 minutes
 - Informational about recess/library
 - ICON on side of home page - volunteer- sign up to help with any of the events happening
 - Parent Volunteer Survey sent out end of Fall Semester, will be sent out again.

Meeting adjourned 10:08AM