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**General Meeting
June 18, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome 9:08am

Because we are conducting voting today we need to make sure all meeting participants are PS11 members. Please verify that your screen name reflects your real full name. Casandra will be reaching out to you via chat if you are not and cannot change it. Please also sign in

Approval of May minutes

- Mask mandate is still in effect at school, and at school property - outdoor and indoor
- Every grade will have 3 days of substitutes teachers while teachers plan for next year's curriculum

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- A lot to go over but nothing is finalized and we will find out over the summer
- 8:25am-2:45 pending approval (2:40 for K and 1st graders)
- Anyone on school property will be required to wear a mask and 3' social distancing 6' for unmasked/eating
- No news about not requiring masks outdoors (similar to summer camps)
- Kids will not be meeting their next year teachers this school year due to uncertainty about social distancing rules
- Meet your teacher day is a very special at PS11. If the social distancing guidelines don't change over the summer Bob will be sending out new classroom info over the summer
- Mid 2022 is the projected end date for school construction - and hopefully by then the student name change committee will have selected a new name for PS11 and we can have a grand unveiling event
- I couldn't have gone through this year without the support from the PTA, SLT, and all the school families. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.
- Parent Question: Can the play structure be accessible? Answer: Large play structure (2 slides) is broken and cannot be used. If there is a way to isolate the slides we may be able to use the play structure
- No changes to current G&T programming for the students. Only the incoming policy has changed (no testing and based on teacher recommendations instead). Offers will only go out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders if they were on the waitlist last year (over the next 2-3 wks). Week of July 5th for kindergarten offers. Additional teachers may be needed with 3' distancing for G&T classrooms. We are having a budget meeting later today. More info to follow

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- NYC Public School Survey is due today, if you haven't had the opportunity to fill it out, please consider doing so, as the deadline is today
- Log into DOB website, type in "NYC school survey" in the Search box. the student's OSIS (followed by the letter F). Instruction is on the website



SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- Much gratitude to Bob, Cassandra and Dawn for running an amazing school this year in this challenging year
- Reminder: SLT is a small committee of teachers, parents, principal and Debbie (rep from school community and runs the After school program)
 - Meet once a month very likely via Zoom
 - 1 Tuesday afternoon a month (some time between 2:30 - 5:30)
 - There is some work required in between meetings and occasionally some evening get togethers
 - The primary task of the SLT is to develop a comprehensive education plan which helps set of school goals for the following year
 - At PS11 the principal really values voice and representation and utilizes the SLT as a sounding board for policy, curriculum and any academic extracurricular programs existing and parent suggested
 - SLT has taken on student race equity and related initiatives as well
 - Only 2 absences are allowed, you have to be a current parent or guardian
 - 2 year term and 2 open positions for parents this election

SLT election

- Please type your own name over the chat if you are interested - 1 min speech for nominees
- Nominees - Jael Wagner, Courtney Lewis (via Jordan), Rebecca Berkable
- Votes cast and counted later
- Thank you to the nominees - run next year if you didn't get elected

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

- We are in pretty good shape for next year because our expenses were low
- We will re-evaluate the budget in the fall and present it to you again then, depending on the climate of the school year
- We are carrying over money and thus will be presented as a negative budget
- Annual fundraiser will read lower on the budget compared to normal year
- Budget Presentation (Monica)
 - 'Gross' is all the money that comes in, and 'Net' is how much we have left after all expenses
 - All line items having been added back with assumption that everything will be back in full swing
- Bob is also carrying over money in his account from last year
- And we are ready to support Bob and the school to assist running a fully operational school next year for everyone
- Question: Will there be any additional fundraisers for next year or go back to business as usual? We (PTA will have a new fundraising team for the next year and we will be presenting them and calling for additional ideas next fall. Intend to be fluid with ideas. While we will be returning to our baseline fundraisers - with a different mindset we are dropping some such as the Fun-Run which is operated by a third party that takes a big chunk of the money raised. Read-a-thon was a hugely successful mid-year idea that came to fruition and will continue next year
- How does it compare to pre-covid budgets? Answer: We are returning to the largest year of Supporting PS11 but because of our carry over, the numbers will be lower than usual
- Vote taken on budget - motion to approve, second, all in favor as proposed. Please speak up or comment in chat for comments and abstentions
- Thank you for the approved budget for the Fall



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

- Executive Board Elections - (Presented by Julie Case)
- Published nominations have been closed per our last meeting. Slate of Nominations presented, and nobody has self nominated to run against it
- Motion to approve. Second. No's or Abstentions (none). All Approved as presented for 2021-2022 Executive Board
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Update
 - The money raised by our Fundraisers that was set aside for teacher appreciation has been greatly appreciated. Gratitude books, thank you Succulents, teacher and staff party at Chelsea Market have all been special and appreciated by teachers and staff. Next week will be a raffle with amazing gifts
 - Thank you speech made to Bob read by Jackie
 - 5th Grade Graduation Update - all is set and ready to go No yearbooks this year but, instead a Memory Book will be given to only the 5th graders. Other graduation gifts will be T-shirts (made from the winning T-shirt design contest) and diplomas
 - Thank you to the graduation committee (Mr McGill and parent volunteers)

Results to SLT election: Thank you to all who nominated themselves, and please run next year even if you didn't get elected this year.

- The two members that have been elected are Rebecca Berkable and Courtney Lewis

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

- Annual fund match update - exceeded match goal of \$36K
- Even though we did not meet the actual annual fund number, we exceeded the match goal, read a thon goal a and corporate funding goal
- For all the parents who want more than one read-a-thon please join the read-a-thon volunteer committee next year!

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

- In person events are back!
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch was a huge a success
- CFAC update \$9K raised after expenses
- Next year will be a big year, and big push to get everyone involved for Fall Festival and beyond such as the Spring Gala
- Please reach out if you want to get involved! It is a great opportunity to be involved in one of the biggest events of the year that is open to everyone at our school and the community

Intermission Q&A with Bob

- Question: Will the pool be open? Answer: If 3' distance is in effect we won't be able to open, but it usually doesn't open until the end of October so hopefully by then it will be possible
- 2nd grade and 3 graders missed their 2nd grade show. So there will be a 3rd and 4th grade show



- Question: Is there a way for students to send a card to Ms Golub (who is retiring and has been remote)? Answer: please send along to the school and Bob will make sure she gets it
 - 3 teachers/staff are retiring, Gloria Castillo, Ms Golub, and Phyllis from the office. The PTA will be giving a small retirement gift to them

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

- Excited to get up and running programs that we couldn't have last year
- A plug for people who want to get involved in running existing and starting new programs: please reach out

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

- Thanks you to all the quick volunteering sign ups for the young artist program
- Looking forward to getting all the parents to contributing their 11 hours to PS11, there will be many opportunities
- Thank you to all the class parents
- If you want are around the city this summer to and help out with the chicken the coop please email Debbie at ps11programs@aol.com

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

- Thank you to all of the participants for Young Artists project with a special thanks to Annie Walsh
- Looking forward to building up our existing social media presence and rebuilding the PS11 community online
- Question: Is the artwork from the Young Artist up and photos available for viewing? Answer: Artwork is up on the front of the building photos will be available on our Facebook and Instagram pages today
- School survey participation is not looking great, please fill it out! Link in chat

Adjournment 10:16am

Have a great summer and see you next fall!