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**PTA General Meeting
September 24, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome 9:17am

Big reminder: by having students who attend ps11, you are all members of the PTA

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- We are a Kind, Gentle and Grateful School
- Moment of Gratitude observed
- As of Tuesday, all DOE staff members must have at least one vaccination. 100% of our teachers meet this requirement.
- Up to 30,000 employees are expected to be released. Will not greatly impact our school and district
- Quarantine procedure - no longer closing classrooms when there is a positive case. Waiting for more but specific information from our emergency meeting with Chancellor today at 1pm
- Arrival and Dismissal - Afterschool will start Monday 27th and it will make dismissal much easier (less students). Thank you for all of the cooperation thus far
- Many kids are arriving after 8:30 - please do your best to arrive on time. Students may miss up to 15-20 of school as they need to be taken to the cafeteria and wait for an adult pickup.
- After many concerns from the parents, lunch is being eaten outside, and is working out well. It's not perfect but it's working.
 - Lower playground has been dedicated to organized group play by Debbie. Encourage your kids to participate as it lowers possible accidents
- Curriculum night coming up Sept 30. Grade level teams will be presenting and then break out rooms with your teacher. Apologies if you have multiple children (you will have to choose one and will not be recorded)
- Specialty Teacher presentations Oct 5th
- Mosquitos are an issue in NYC right now. Staff are working on mitigation by bleaching the storm drains twice a week, and checking for standing water. If you are still concerned please consider applying bug spray before your kids arrive at school
- Please send your child with a full water bottle - and encourage them NOT to drink all their water at once, this wasn't a problem pre-covid when water fountains were being used.
 - Debbie is working on getting water but for the time being, consider sending your child with 2 bottles or, your child can ask their teacher for a refill
- IF DOE quarantines a child then they will get asynchronous class and office hours with the teacher. It's unclear if this will be provided if a student is under quarantine from traveling, or family situations

Parent Coordinator's Report - Stephen McGill

- None



SLT Report - Jordan Wright

- Jordan Intro: The SLT is a group of elected parents and teachers whose primary responsibility is to come up with a comprehensive education plan for the following year. (This info is available on the PS11 website)
 - We also oversee the Implementation of the plan
 - At PS11, Bob really uses us as a sounding board on his decisions
- The Comprehensive Education Plan is public and also includes issues such as, policy decisions and school safety
- If you have large issue ideas (not pertaining just to your child) please share them by contacting us via email.
- SLT meetings are open for observation (though no speaking is allowed). If you would like to bring up a topic, please contact Jordan at least a week in advance

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

- President Intros
- Member at Large Elections. We have two spots available on the Executive Board Elections - (22 board seats and 2 are reserved specifically for new families) - 3 ppl have nominated themselves so far: Lissa Rosenthal, Ilana Lesser Goldberg, and Asia Butler (not present)
- Additional Self-nominations: Berman Fenelus (and wife Angie), Shelly O'Sullivan (not eligible) and Fei Mock
- Individual speeches presented and poll taken via zoom - each voter chooses two people
- A Reminder that everyone is a member of the PTA, and there are plenty of ways to be involved throughout the year, and that Board elections are held at the end of the school year
- Election Result Announcement (Jordan): the 2 new members will be - Berman and Lissa
- School Safety - we have heard a lot of concern from the community- outside the building about the activities outside the building
 - Bob and the Presidents meet with the precinct monthly and there is constant communication with them
 - Review protocol: Call 911 (the more calls the better). But please be mindful that you can only call for illegal activity (loitering is not illegal). Examples include: public drug use, indecent exposure, blocking sidewalk etc.
 - You do not need to stay until an officer shows up, but go report to school safety officer
 - Give your name and phone number
 - Don't call the school
 - Community Affairs Office is also helpful (212) 741-8226
 - There is apparently an unlocked port-a-potty at 21st and 8th (north side) - Jackie and Lisa will look into whether it's supposed to be there

Budget / Finance Report - Kunal and Maria (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Treasurer Introductions
- Budget presented. Key takeaway: donation are the biggest source of funding and the key to keeping all the amazing activities and opportunities provided by the school

Fundraising Report - Mori Ninomiya & Tess Knoebel (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- VP of Fundraising Intros:
- Slideshow presentation: We have a herculean task- and are committed to raising \$1M



- Annual Fund - what makes ps11 is largely funded by the families. Every student of PS11 is supported by the PTA. We are committed to raising the money that supports all the special programming available to all the students of the school
- PTA spends about \$1200/student in the school
- Participation rate is just as important as dollar amount, especially when it comes to corporate matching. Please don't feel the need to donate large amounts. Everyone should participate in ways that are possible for them
- Giving your time is also a very valuable way to give to the school. Everything is appreciated
- Amazon - When/if you shop on Amazon, go through the Amazon banner link on the PS11 website. The school gets more money than a Smile account

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

- VP of Events Intros
- Fall Festival has been cancelled for safety
- Will need volunteers for the Gala, Comedy for a Cause and other smaller events throughout the year
- Please reach out if you want to get involved! It is a great opportunity to participate in one of the biggest events of the year. It is open to everyone in our school community. Also if people have ideas, don't be shy to reach out to us

Programs Report - Kristina and Hammond & Domenica Mastroianni (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- VP of Program Intros
- Discuss the difference between PTA parent led program and PS11 after-school programs. The former are often passion projects thought up and led by parents
 - Examples: Chess Team, Green Market, Young Artist, School Library, Lost and Found, School Merchandise sales, Book Fair, etc.
 - With some of these existing programs there is infrastructure but no volunteers
- Volunteer survey will be going out shortly - please tell us how and when you are available and we will do our best to match you with something you are excited about
- Please raise your voices with ideas about new programs or modifications to existing programs, not only with interests to help out
- 11 for 11: We encourage each family to donate 11 hours of your time to PS11 every school year!

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

- VP of Membership Intros:
 - We are liaisons between the class representatives and the school
 - We solicit volunteers. Thank you in advance for your participation



- K-coffees has been transitioned to Community Coffee
 - First Oct 1 9:15 via zoom. First one will be a virtual live school tour with Bob, and go over ps11 is a KG&G school, how its implemented at school and how it can be supported at home
 - The next with Julie at Ryan Center
- 11 for 11, ask every family member to contribute 11 hours a year to ps11

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

- VP of Communications Intros: we are in charge of weekly newsletters and special notices, please sign up to be on the mailing list
- If you have news to share via newsletter, or social media - please reach out

Community Q&A

- Construction Update: work is back in full force (they worked all day during the summer) now back to evening hours. Anticipated end is Sept 2022
- After school water update - we will have big orange jugs for after school as well as cups for those without water bottles
- After school programs - PS 11 website has an after school tab

Lisa closes the meeting

Adjournment 10:36am