



**PTA General Meeting
April 29, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome

- 9:17am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- G&T is back and expecting (2) incoming G&T Kindergarten classes
- 5th Grade DC trip in 2 weeks
- 4th and 5th Grade camping trip a few weeks after that
- Starting next Tuesday, teachers are given 2 days to plan for next year's curriculum
- 4 testing kits will be sent home with your children (DOE surplus)
- Health Screeners are still required for anyone stepping foot inside school building
- Any person entering school building (for classroom visits in particular) are required to show the health screener and proof of at least one covid-19 vaccine
- We would like help from our AAPI community for the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Please chime in and contribute to how PS11 can best celebrate this month
- Overnight trips and school dance coming up for 4th and 5th graders. All participants must be fully vaccinated in order to attend these events
- PS11 summer camp is happening (different from summer rising program), please contact Debbie if you have any questions

Parent Coordinator's Report – Stephen McGill

- Kindergarten registration will begin next week
- G&T applications for upper grades: NYC Schools website shows you how to apply but does not explain the selection process
- Summer rising programs at most sites were filled very quickly. Please check back in 3-4 weeks for cancellations etc, if you are still interested
- DOE academic calendar for the next school year usually comes out in June



- Stomping Ground school pictures are available for purchase - emails should have been sent out with purchasing information

SLT Report - Jordan Wright (ps11SLT@gmail.com)

- 3 elected parent positions are open for next year
 - Meets once a month on Tuesdays around 3:00-4:30
 - Most work is done during those hours
 - Can only miss two meetings during your 2 year commitment
- SLT (School Leadership Team) works on the Comprehensive Education Plan for the school, providing Mr Bender a supportive road map for how to allocate the school's resources
- Team is made up of parents, school staff, Mr Bender and Debbie as community representative

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

- Safety Update: We have been continually reaching out to, and participating in community meetings to get in front of the NYPD and elected officials. We are confident that we are on their radar, but with the current state of slim resources, immediate improvements don't seem likely
 - Please continue to call when you see issues
 - Please consider attending community meeting to show up as a visible and vocal school community
- PTA by-laws need to be updated every 3 years. We are currently updating ours and will be presented at the May meeting, and voted on at the June PTA meeting
- The Little Mermaid, the school play, is coming up. Due to covid, we are adding additional showtimes, and two casts. We want great turnout at all the shows so please come!!!
 - We will need volunteers at the shows.
- Nominating Committee Update: Reminder the Nominating Committee who will suggest a slate for the Executive Board of the PTA for next year. Email: ps11nominatingcom@gmail.com if you are interested. Every position is open



Budget / Finance Report - Kunal Prakash and Maria Melendez

(ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Finance report was shared, April is mostly about expenses (negative net income)
- We are at 58% of our fundraising goals - mostly due to that lack of events

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

- There will be a fundraising match in May
- Bender Bars sold out quickly. Thanks to a generous donor, every child got a bar. We will be selling the remainder of the bars next Tuesday. Will be putting a 2 bar limit, and would like to sell to those who haven't yet bought any
- Reminder, still seeking Annual Fund donations

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

- Focus has been moved to events for next school year
 - Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering for the fall festival

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

- Thank you to all everyone who contributed to the yearbook ads
- Garden committee needs your help. Next gardening day is May 14 morning with Michael Walsh. Kids are encouraged to come (but cannot be dropped off)

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

- Volunteers very much needed for Little Mermaid
- Volunteers for Field Day are needed. Also looking for a Field Day Chair, not a heavy lift
- Volunteers needed for graduation
- Next Community Coffee: Next Friday, May 6. Topic: expertise from PTA members

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

- No updates today

Additional

- PS11 Post distribution may happen today, be on the lookout!



- Next week is teacher appreciation week. We will be handing out potted flowers to our teachers next week

Adjournment 10:03 am