



SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting May 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:02 am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Guest host: Student Principal For the Day
- Teachers are starting to plan for next year, starting with the Math curriculum
- In lieu of the end-of-year potluck, we will be hosting grade-wide celebrations
- Classroom planning for next year is happening. Please complete the form that Bob sent out recently if your child will NOT be attending PS11 in the Fall. (Email from Bob is titled "PS 11: plans for next year: Please Read!")

Parent Coordinator's Report – Stephen McGill

- Successful gala event took place

President's Report - Lisa Cox & Joanna Cohn Weiss (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- SLT elections to take place during the June PTA meeting - 2 seats available for next year
 - The School Leadership Team SLT is a collaborative team made up of an equal number of faculty and parents. Members include the Principal, Assistant Principal, UFT Representative, and PTA President (or their appointee) and our Community Based Organization (CBO) representative, in addition to five parent members and three elected members of the PS11 faculty.
 - The PS11 SLT has two primary responsibilities. One is to evaluate the academic needs of PS11 students and produce a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) that proposes ways to meet

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those needs, in alignment with the school budget for the following school year. The other is to monitor whether the current CEP is being implemented, and to ensure that proper resources are allocated to implement the current CEP.

- The SLT parent elections are held each June directly following the PTA EB elections. The term for each member is 2 years and requires a time commitment of one 2-hour meeting per month and several parent workshop events held at school throughout the year. Members should make every effort to attend all meetings and events, but may miss only 2 meetings per calendar year. For a full understanding of the commitment, please review the [SLT Bylaws, linked on the PS11 website](#).
- Courtney Lewis is also happy to speak with anyone who is considering joining the SLT. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to: ps11slt@gmail.com
- SLT meets currently on Tuesday afternoons.
- Safety Committee Update
 - There was an interagency meeting yesterday.. The safety committee presented information from publicly available data. The agencies will think about the data and how to best respond to issues facing us.
- Review of the updates to the PTA Bylaws by Kristina Hammond. Quick overview was shared; please feel free to email Kristina or the PTA Co-Presidents for the complete amendments.
 - Will vote at the next PTA meeting whether to approve the updated bylaws.
- Nominating Committee for PTA Executive Board Positions (ps11nominatingcom@gmail.com) nominated the EB Slate for 2023-2024.
 - There was a call for nominations from the floor. No nominations from the floor.
 - Will vote at the next PTA meeting whether to approve the slate.

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Budget / Finance Report - Maria Melendez & Kunal Prakash (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Had more expenses in April than in past months; May is likely to be a big expense month as well, but gala fundraising should help.

Programs Report - Kristina Hammond & Kirsten Magen (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Dawn Jasper presented about Chess Team (chelseachessparents@gmail.com):
 - Strong program this year with 100 kids. Attended NY State championship and national events.
 - Kids learn important skills; weekend tournaments are drop-off; holiday and summer camps available.

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

- Still waiting for Golden Tickets to be claimed for Bender bars.
- Thank you for your attendance and donations at the gala.

Events Report - Lucy Flint & Amanda Moskowitz (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Gala - so grateful to everyone who attended the Gala to celebrate, those who prompted friends to buy tickets, and for those who helped get people in the community to participate. So much appreciation for all the volunteers who helped set up at the Gala and for all the behind-the-scenes, and center-stage roles that people took to make it all run smoothly and successfully.
- Please contact the email above to volunteer for next year's events.

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

- Many end-of-year volunteer opportunities coming up – families will be hearing about them through the Digest and Family Liaison emails
- Moving On Ceremony – seeking volunteers from non-5th grade families so that 5th grade parents can enjoy their graduates' moments

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- Pre-K and Kindergarten celebrations will also occur
- Field day (June 16th) seeking volunteers

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

- Please keep an eye out for the upcoming digests - all information about school events and volunteer opportunities will be included there

Adjournment 9:28 am