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PTA General Meeting June 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:03 am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Start with gratitude: PTA, Executive Board, SLT
- Completed the first draft of the school's comprehensive education plan (CEP) for 23 - 24
- Building classrooms for next year
- Meet Your Teacher day coming up
- Started math and phonics training
 - Starting the Eureka Math Program
 - PTA has provided professional development funding for the new phonics curriculum
- Today is Field Day - thank you to all the volunteers

Parent Coordinator's Report – Stephen McGill

- Registering incoming Kindergarteners right now
- G&T offers will be coming out in the next week or two
- If your student is already a student at PS11, they don't need to re-register. If the child is not already at PS11, they do need to register

SLT Report - Courtney Lewis (ps11SLT@gmail.com)

- CEP is the big update, referenced above

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

- A number of votes taking place today
- Bylaws
 - Kristina had presented the PTA bylaws changes at the last PTA General Meeting
 - Vote yes/no/abstain
 - 84% approve
 - 0% didn't approve
 - 10% abstain
- SLT
 - 3 candidates
 - Chad Sandifer
 - Jeff Gardner
 - Courtney Lewis - happy to serve the SLT again next year, but would like to give Jeff and Chad the opportunity to be part of the SLT. As such, happy to serve as the SLT liaison for the PTA Executive Board
 - 91% voting, approved Jeff and Chad
- Executive Board Slate
 - Nominating committee: Teresa Edelston and Julie Carpenter
 - No other candidates announced themselves

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- 93% vote, EB slate is approved

2023/2024 Executive Board Final Slate

PTA Co-Presidents

Lisa Cox
Joanna Weiss

CO-VPs of Membership

Kirsten Magen
Kristina Hammond

Co-Treasurers

Kunal Prakash
Josh Hollander

Co-Assistant Treasurers

Maria Melendez
Ellie Sze

Co-VPs of Fundraising

Mori Ninomiya
Jax Cohen

Co-VPs of Events

Lucy Flint
Amanda Moskowitz

Co-VPs of Programs

Tess Knoebel-Peterfreund
Shelley O'Sullivan

Co-Recording Secretaries

Rachel McKenny
Julie Chen

Co-VPs of Communications

Pia Padukone
Marina Thomatos
Berman Fenelus

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

- Gala was great success
- For the budget for next year, we have increased the total fundraising 2% higher than the budget was for this year. We are hoping to increase:
 - Annual fund
 - Corporate match
 - Gala
 - Charity buzz

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- Funding budget - what we spend money on. We added inflation adjustments and increased the PTA administrative line for the cost of producing the PS 11 website. We expect this will help improve communication and connection to families.
- Voting on the budget
 - 92% vote
 - Budget was approved by 95%; 5% abstain, 0% did not approve

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

- Lost and Found is full
 - Friday, June 23 at drop off will be the final moment to reclaim items. Anything unclaimed will have to be donated. There is an overwhelming amount of jackets. Please come pick up your child's items.
- Yearbook
 - Being printed as we speak
 - Will be distributed on the last day of school
 - Thank you to all the families who contributed photos
- Garden Workday - last day is tomorrow, June 17
 - not gardening tomorrow, will be painting benches, hanging up cleanup signs
 - 5th graders created the signs; Ms Mora helped them work on them in art class
 - This is a Green Team initiative
 - Everyone is welcome to come by and help
- Huge thank you to all the volunteers this year
- If anyone wants to set up a new program, please complete this form: [SLTEPA-2015d.pdf \(sqspcdn.com\)](#)

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

- Spring Match has been extended to June 21st; we are almost 80% there
- [2023 Spring Into Summer Match Campaign \(givingfuel.com\)](https://givingfuel.com)
- 5th grade ballroom dance show, Field day, the 4th/5th grade dance, and the memory book signing event for 2nd graders - many things happened this week, all of which was made possible by PTA funding

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

- Kudos on an amazing gala
- If you found any particular event compelling and want to get involved, please reach out to ps11ptaevents@gmail.com
- Volunteers are still needed for the Moving On Ceremony: [5TH GRADE MOVING ON CEREMONY — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)

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

- Field day is today and we still need volunteers
- We still need more volunteers for the 5th Grade Moving On Ceremony
- PS11 Post is being printed this weekend and will be distributed next week
- Library is also looking for volunteers - ps11library@gmail.com

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

- Next week will be the last PTA Digest for the year, so if anything needs to be in there, please share at PTAPS11@gmail.com



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Community Q&A

- Thank you to the Executive Board, Bob, Cassandra, and Dawn, and all of the PTA
- Please spread the word - bring friends to PTA meetings, events, and get them to volunteer

Adjournment 9:50 am