

PS.11 PTA

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PTA General Meeting June 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:02 am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Field day is today for 1st to 5th grade
- Report cards are coming out
- 5th Grade Moving On ceremony is next week, June 20th.
- Pre-K and K ceremonies are also next week - teachers should have shared dates.
- Monday, June 24th is Meet Your Teacher Day. We will email all class assignments over the summer.
- Next year PS11 will be 100 and it will be Principal Bender's 20th year as Principal of PS11 - we are the largest elementary school in D2!
- So much goes on in the background- enormous gratitude for staff, teachers and people that help with resources, volunteering, PTA EB, SLT teams, etc. To our graduating 5th graders: please always "say hi and let me know all the things you've done!" Thank you to all!

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- PreK spaces have been filled
- Kindergarten registrations completed
- G&T offers for 1st through 4th grade came out this week; registration letters are going out next week
- 19 pairs of free glasses were distributed during K and 1st grade eye screening

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

- SLT completed the CEP

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- Potluck on Friday, June 21st - thank you to all who are volunteering
- SLT election
 - SLT is the School Leadership Team - DOE mandated coalition of parents, teachers, Debbie (as the community liaison), and administration
 - Meets once/month on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 3 pm. Reserve 2 hrs for the meeting
 - It is a forum to discuss curriculum, social activities, social-emotional health
 - SLT was responsible for the puberty programming this year and will be provided to 4th and 5th graders next year
 - SLT also sponsored the Math workshop for parents this year
 - The Young Artists Program also came from an enrichment proposal to the SLT
 - SLT also sponsored the anti-bullying workshop
 - An honest discussion forum where parents have the opportunity to have an impact on the curriculum
- Nominees:
 - Laura Tagliareni
 - Jessica Mazzetti
 - Both voted in
- Potluck - Friday, June 21st in the yard from 6-7:30 pm
 - There will be a DJ (paid for by the PTA)
 - Everyone bring enough food to feed 6 people
 - Bring your own drinks – no alcohol
 - Please volunteer: [2024 End of Year Potluck — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)
 - You must supervise your children; they will not be admitted without an adult. We will not allow any children into the building without an adult – they must be accompanied by an adult to use the restroom.
 - Please label if your food contains nuts or other major allergens
 - No need to bring cutlery

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

- Motion to approve the minutes for May - minutes approved

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- [2024.05.10 PTA GM Notes Draft.docx \(ps11chelsea.org\)](#)
- Safety Committee
 - Last Safety meeting of the year - nothing major to report
 - If you want to reach out to the safety committee, please email: davemcox@gmail.com or bryansolane@gmail.com
- Updated AY 24-25 Calendar will be posted to the [website](#) over the summer so folks can begin planning
- PTA Executive Board Elections – final slate voted and passed:
 - President: Joanna Weiss, Pia Padukone
 - VP Community Membership: Kristina Hammond, Kiran Patel
 - Treasurer: Elle Sze, Josh Hollander
 - Assistant Treasurer: Ben Holzman, Peggy Kauh
 - VP Fundraising: Jax Cohen, Becker Chase
 - VP Events: Amanda Moskowitz, Fran Brown
 - VP Programs: Shelley O'Sullivan, Tara Murphy
 - Recording Secretary: Mike Pastko, Diodenis Gonzalez
 - Communications: Marina Thomatos, Kirsten Magen

Budget / Finance Report – Joshua Hollander & Kunal Prakash (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- 78% to Annual Target
- For next year's budget, the Executive Board has worked with Principal Bender and taken people's thoughts into consideration - trying to take highest priority activities to maintain the children's experiences and have the least amount of cuts although some cuts were necessary
- Voted on Budget – Budget passed

Fundraising Report - Jax Cohen & Mori Ninomiya (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- If someone found a Golden Ticket and has not redeemed it please email Jax and Mori - still lots of prizes to be claimed ps11annualfund@gmail.com
- Last call for Bender Bars and t-shirt pre-order pickups - will coordinate pick up next week

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- Limited number of Bender Bars for sale at Potluck next week
- We reached our Family Cohort Match Fundraiser goal - thank you to all who helped make that happen!
- We still need to raise over \$100K to meet our 2023-2024 fundraising goal, which directly pays for the beloved programs that benefit all PS11 students.

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

- Welcome to Fran Brown for joining events team: franaltabrown@gmail.com
- Had a successful year building a staff appreciation committee - did a lot of creative things to show appreciation and support the atmosphere
 - If you would like to join the staff appreciation team, please email ps11ptaevents@gmail.com
 - There is an upcoming staff appreciation luncheon event
 - There will be a staff welcome breakfast in September

Programs Report - Tess Knoebel-Peterfreund & Shelley O'Sullivan (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Huge shout out to all the volunteers who helped make PTA sponsored programs such a success:
 - Farm to table, chess, 100th day, garden Saturdays, spelling bee, library, book fair, field day, young artists, yearbook, newspaper, lost & found, merch, K&G valentines, math club etc. etc.
- Please help your children find any library books that may be at home - we will repair books and close up the library for the year. Email ps11library@gmail.com
- 2024 Yearbook - coming soon! We are the only school in District 2 that provides a yearbook to every child (free of charge!). We are looking for someone to **lead the yearbook** next year: [Email us to express interest!](#)

Membership Report - Kristina Hammond & Kirsten Magen (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Volunteers still needed for a few events this year
 - [Pot Luck volunteers](#) June 21st
 - [Moving On](#) volunteers
- Co-Chairs still needed for next year Garden Committee, 100th Day of school, Read-A-Thon, Lost and Found
Email the [Events Committee](#)

Communications Report - Pia Padukone, Marina Thomatos & Berman Fenelus (ptaps11@gmail.com)

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- Round Up summary to be emailed following this meeting

Members at Large – Becker Chase and Kiran Patel

- Audit Committee Report completed
- 5 Recommendations to ensure auditing every year: Governance, Accounting, Documentation, Reporting, Records/Document Management

Community Q&A

- Kindergarten children should be dropped off at the usual time so that their teachers can prepare them for their Moving On ceremony
- Gratitude to retiring EB members that work all year, provide guidance and support; help pitch in where needed to fill roles
- Gratitude for Lisa Cox for being President for the last 4 years, including during COVID; for working tirelessly to make the PTA successful financially, emotionally, and as a community.
- Thank you to all the administration at PS11
- Have a wonderful summer!

Adjournment 10:24 am