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SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting October 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:02 am
- Start with gratitude

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Welcome
- Foundational literacy skill pd for new families -Oct 28th
- In person workshop with Take2 on media literacy on Nov 12th at 8:30am
- Halloween-no masks, no weapons, no scary costumes
- Wit & Wisdom-new ELA -curriculum update all grades
- Cold weather-kids will still have recess. Use name tags on all outerwear: jackets, hats, gloves, sweater
- Mable's label's fundraiser mentioned - <https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support>
- Lost and found items contact: Joan Brothers or check Instagram page @ PS11_lostandfound

- Ryan center- school nurse set up by a nursing temp agency arranged by DOE. Guidelines for nurses to be sent out, restrictions with giving medication or vaccines.
- Health forms and vaccines forms to be updated and submitted to PS11
- Student council elections starting; campaign videos to be shown on Nov 4th before student voting

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Parent's need PS11 photo ID's – please send pictures to Joan Brothers at JBrothers@schools.nyc.gov
- Will be a requirement for ID check in for Family Fridays
- New kindergarten tour Dec 12, 16, and 17th

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

- Enrichment proposal for SLT (<https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/SLTEPA-2015d.pdf>). Submission for new programs to be made available at the school for kids.
- New Workshops for parents coming soon
- Parents Book club: "The Anxious Generation"

President's Report – Joanna Cohn Weiss & Pia Padukone (ps11ptapresident@gmail.com)

- Sept 2024 meeting minutes approval - Vote passes
- Fall festival is on October 26th. Kids must attend school on Friday Oct 25th to get their bracelets for admission.
 - Volunteer push made. Alumni volunteer request.
 - Book fair open (cash and tab pay available)
- Safety update - no major issues to report

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Treasurers/Finance Report - Peggy Kauh (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Snapshot of fundraiser - raised \$12k net in donations
- We have a budget deficit because we have a goal to spend down the reserve this year. We still need to meet our fundraising goals to continue our programs, school services and enrichment teachers.

Fundraising Report - Becker Chase & Jax Cohen (ps11annualfund@gmail.com)

- Review of fundraising goals and strategy
- Goal is to reach 20% by October
- Push for giving Tuesday next month with corporate match
- Review website link for corporate match search

Events Report - Amanda Moskowitz & Jessica Kahn Marks (ps11ptaevents@gmail.com)

- Fall Festival push- Amazon Wishlist filled
- Trivia night -Nov 13 @ Dickson's in Chelsea market:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/cc2474d2-bb41-4518-8432-cae907ca2103>
- Comedy night @Gotham comedy - volunteer request
- Gala- search for venues

Membership Report - Kristina Hammond & Kiran Patel (ps11volunteer@gmail.com)

- Read-a-thon chair needed –3-week commitment
- PS11 Post call for volunteers. 2x/year. Copies to be available for pick up at Fall Festival. Available online: <https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PS11-Post-Winter-2024.pdf>
- We need a sound equipment volunteer for school events.

Programs Report - Shelley O'Sullivan & Tara Murphy (ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com)

- Garden day: Saturday Oct 19
- A new display may be done in front of the school until the city replaces the tree.
- Book fair: Backpack home envelopes for book fair money. EWallet push and voucher mentioned.
- Chess Tournament - fundraising chess merch and goodies. Call for kid volunteers.
- Impact coaching network- teaching kids how to play. Reach out for signups for Tuesday chess club.
- Spelling bee - tested on Oct 16th (50 total kids)
 - Spelling semifinals verbal test at the end of the month
- Math club runs for 8 weeks started on Oct 16
- PS 11 Post started on Tuesday mornings for the January winter edition.
- The library is open. Reminder for kids to return library books.

Communications Report - Marina Thomatos & Kirsten Magen (ptaps11@gmail.com)

- All pertinent info to come via email newsletters and end of meeting round ups.

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Adjournment 10:14 am