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PTA General Meeting November 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- 9:00 am
- Start with Gratitude.

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- Third grade show will be on Wed, November 27, 2024.
- Parents were informed to provide notice to school for early pickups for Wednesday Nov 27, before the Thanksgiving holiday. Encouraged to avoid lunch period picks up.
- Student council elected. First meeting this week.
- Ryan Center-official notice of the last day will be December 13, 2024. Registered agency nurse in school has been doing great.
- 5th Grade Musical casted; cast were auditioned by cast members of "Legally blonde" and theater students from Lab.
- Parent workshop on Nov 12th on 'Mental Health and children on social media' was a success; More parent workshops to come.
- School-wide lice check started on November 15, 2024.

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Middle school applications are due on Nov 20, 2024. Apply on website <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/middle-school>.
- Questions can be sent to jbrothers@schools.nyc.gov or Christine Leohardt at cleonha@schools.nyc.gov
- Photo ID's coming out by starting Friday November 22, 2024. Parents can send ID's photo request to ps11photoid@gmail.com
- In partnership with our nonprofit partner, NYC Kids RISE, with the Save for College Program, every kindergarten student enrolled in a NYC public school is automatically

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enrolled and receives an NYC Scholarship Account with an initial \$100 allocation, unless their parents/guardians choose to “opt out” of the program. Information available at <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/student-journey/college-and-career-planning/nyc-kids-rise-save-for-college-program>.

- Tour dates for kindergarten tours are December 12th, 16th and 17th.

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

- Enrichment proposals for SLT still open:
(<https://ps11chelsea.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/SLTEPA-2015d.pdf>).
- Zoom Family Workshops are starting. Scheduled workshops so far:
January 15th, 2024 -How to handle anxiety.
February 11th, 2024 - Collaborative problem solving
April 4th, 2024 – Executive Functioning
- HIV education curriculum centered around handwashing and virus and bacterial spread. There will be a school wide Handwashing event on how to detect clean hands.
- SLT book club- First book “The Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt. Melanie Gomez volunteered to chair the book club.
- Open to suggestion for future books to include; emails can be sent to PS11SLT@gmail.com

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

- Oct 2024 meeting minutes approval - Vote passes
- Safety update - no major issues to report
- Call 311 for garbage concerns and pick up request

Treasurers/Finance Report - Ellie Sze (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- Snapshot of fundraiser - raised \$61k in October, due to large expenses this month including 5th grade DC trip and 4th grade camping trip leaving us at a (\$3k) net in donations this month
- YTD \$150k in savings on track for the year

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

- Review of fundraising goals and strategy
- Green market fundraising push
- The YTD fundraising goal is \$552k; we are currently at 20% of our goal. Target is to end November at 35%.
- Questions, suggestions and volunteer inquiries for fundraising can be sent to give@ps11pta.org or PS11annualfund@gmail.com
- Giving Tuesday is on December 3rd, 2024; request to encourage corporate match
- Looking for fundraising volunteer for spring events

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

- Comedy night will be on January 28th, 2024 at the Gotham Comedy Club
- Volunteer push for upcoming events including staff appreciation; volunteers can email at PS11ptaevents@gmail.com.

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

- Read-a-thon chair appointed
- Volunteer request; interested parties to reach out at ps11volunteer@gmail.com.
- Request for sound volunteer for school events.

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

- Spelling Bee Finals completed. 2 students moving on to Manhattan spelling bee contest.
- Yearbook volunteer request for positions in editing, graphic design and photographer request for large school events. Reach out to ps11yearbook@gmail.com.
- Math club volunteers for next year requested. Contact ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com.
- The Young Artist program kick off meeting is on December 5th after drop-off. Volunteer push to teach a class during lunch hours with a gallery showing at the end of the year; parents can reach out at ps11youngartistsprogram@gmail.com.

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

- Art to Remember forms went home with kids; due next week
- Lost and found can be seen on Instagram [@ps11_lostandfound](https://www.instagram.com/ps11_lostandfound)

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- Push to go to our website at ps11chelsea.org to review all school information and calendar updates
- All pertinent info to come via email newsletters

Adjournment 9:58am