



SARAH J. GARNET SCHOOL

PTA General Meeting February 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Welcome

- Meeting opens at 9:04am

Principal's Report - Bob Bender

- KG&G Valentine's Day happened on February 2/13/25. Schoolwide Valentine's day card issued to all students
- "Disconnect to connect" student committee introduced and reminded parents of "screen free day" on February 28th, 2025 from 6pm-9pm. Student to discuss how it went at school the next day
- Rosie's Theatre 5th grade dance performance last week
- Visit from Dr. Higgins, Deputy Superintendent of Community School District 2, went well
- No school on March 6th for Parent teacher conferences. Afterschool Camp available for childcare.
- March 3rd coffee with Bob after drop-off at 8:45am
- Ballroom dance program residency is back after for 5th graders only. Students will have ability to audition for ballroom competition at years end

Parent Coordinator's Report – Joan Brothers

- Gratitude for swimsuit donations
- Pre-K applications opened Jan 15, close Feb 28, offers to be released on May 13
- Summer rising applications open March 4, close March 28, offers to be released in April (myschools.org)
- Make-up picture day will be on March 17. There will be no sibling pictures this year
- NYC School Survey has gone out via kids' backpacks and by email; please respond, we are hoping for 100% participation this year. Note student OSIS numbers are posted on the letters sent home. Can be completed online at: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/school-quality/nyc-school-survey>

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

- [Bob reporting on Courtney's behalf]
- Mr. Soapy event was cancelled yesterday; working to reschedule
- Second event of the Lunch & Learn series occurred, with about 30 attendees. Next Lunch & Learn coming up soon
- Book Club meeting occurred, about 13 attendees
- Comprehensive learning plan coming along

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

- January 2025 General Meeting minutes - voted to approve
- Re-introduction to PTA committees and executive board functions. Current list of Executive Board members is viewable at: <https://ps11chelsea.org/for-families/pta/>
- Executive Board Elections will be coming up for next year
- Safety update; please contact 311 or 911 for unsafe situations. You can reach out to principal Bender if need be for a school related safety matter. You do NOT need to stay on-site for a 911 response.

Treasurer's Report – Peggy Kauh (ps11treasurerchelsea@gmail.com)

- January 2025
 - Net fundraising ~\$89k (mostly from Comedy for a Cause, also bolstered by corporate matching gifts)
 - Total expenses - ~\$8k
 - Net income - ~\$80k
- Breakdown of how our fundraising supports our academic and student enrichment programs year round

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

- \$552,625 Net is our FY25 goal (~70% from Annual Fund, ~20% auctions and events)
- Auction team looking for volunteers in prep for spring gala auction to source experiences, gift cards, service and items to list for our Silent auction. Please reach out to Jess and Caroline at auctions@ps11pta.org
- We are currently at 52% of our 100% fundraising goal
- Please inquire with your employer if a corporate matching gift is available
- Donations can be made at ps11pta.givingfuel.com/annual-fund

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

- "Whine and Wine" happening Tuesdays at Neighbor (21st / 9Av). Next event will be on February 25th, RSVP at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaCyARXmFzLhgLEaCUPseqPLcF4tlkcl8T5GrLzfuasA7Fpw/viewform>
- Spring Gala coming in May

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

- Looking for a new co-chair for 100th day of school for next year. Email us at ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com
- Looking for volunteer for AV person for school's shows
- International film festival: PS11 earns \$2 for every ticket you purchase. Tickets can be bought at <https://nyicff.org/tickets/>

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

- March 15 - need student volunteers for chess tournament at PS11 (concession sales, etc.) <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/482899160109/false#/invitation>
- You can register to compete in chess tournament: <https://chessintheschools.org/tournament/2025-3-15nyc-all-girls-chess-championship/>
- Looking for ps11 yearbook photos. Link for photos to be submitted to the yearbook: <https://www.buytheyearbook.com/en/bty/findmyschool>.
- Login information is ps11yearbook@gmail.com, password:ps112025!
- Ps11 post looking for a designer volunteer for next year. Please email ps11ptaprograms@gmail.com
- Young artists gallery show is going to be Sunday April 27,2025 from 1pm-4pm

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

- Check the PS11 website: <https://ps11chelsea.org> for more information
- Demonstration of how to ensure PS11 emails reach your Primary inbox in Gmail

Members-at-Large - Sara Burke and Gelsey Jeffreys (ps11mlg@gmail.com)

- No report

Adjournment 10:05 am