

**PS 11 SLT Agenda**  
**10/07/2025**

Location: Principal Robert Bender's Office

**Attendance:**

Robert Bender (Principal)  
Courtney Kapes Lewis (PTA- designate, Chair, and Parent)  
John Swierczewski (UFT Chapter Chair Designee, Co-Secretary, and Teacher)  
Laura Tagliareni (Co-Secretary and Parent)  
Samantha Labombarda (Teacher)  
Robert Simmons (Teacher)  
Debbie Osborne (CBO Representative)  
Deborah Forschein (Teacher)  
Jennifer Geller (Parent)  
Gelsey Jefferys (Parent)

**Absent:**

Geniqua Stafford (Parent)

1. **October Minutes-** approved
  
2. **Standing Business**
  - a. **Family Engagement & Support**  
Family Workshops:  
12/2- executive functioning at 12  
1/12- anxiety at 12  
3/2- resilience at 7
  
  - b. **Student Council:**  
Will be starting soon. Mr. Berman will be coordinating the program.
  
  - c. **Gratitude Day:** Students can write a letter or make a video after certain residencies, showing their appreciation. "What did you learn from this?" "What did you take away from this?" Gratitude Week: Week of Jan. 12, kicking it off with a Family Friday. Each class will use chart paper to write

signatures and messages. One student from each class will collaborate with Bob to read the letter at the PTA meeting.

3. **Word on the Street:**

The fencing and the chain links will be fixed, and a new gaga pit will be added to the outside space. Bob will also investigate electricity, lighting for outside, and a storage for the garbage. They will also look into adding permanent benches for the yard that are color coded. Also, possibly turning the stairs into a ramp.