



PS11 PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023 | 7:00 pm ET | 173 Participants

Welcome (Co-President, Hope Lesane) – Hope called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (Recording Secretary, Richa Naujoks) – Richa read the highlights of the minutes of the last meeting that was held on September 20. The minutes will also be available on the website. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Treasurer, Janelle Benjamin) – Janelle read the highlights of the September financial statements. In addition to ASE, revenues came from swag sales, swim program donations, and membership dues. Expenses included ASE expenses, enrichment program expenses, Raise 11 venue deposit, and block party equipment rentals. She then discussed the entire year financials, and highlighted the opening cash balance, closing cash balance, and projected end of year net income. Questions about the financial statements can be directed to treasurer@ps11bk.org.

Upcoming Events (Co-President, Hope Lesane)

- Megan Douglass gave an update on the Original Works Art Fundraiser. The red folders will include details on converting original art work by your children into holiday gifts.
- Community yoga – save the date for the following Fridays, at 8.45 am: 10/20, 11/6, 4/5, 5/3, and 6/21.
- Boo Bash is on October 28, with a rain date of October 29.
- The first School Wellness Council meeting of the year is on 10/26 at 7 pm.

Call to Action (Co-President, Hope Lesane) – Hope alerted families that the next topic will be sensitive. She then talked about empty Fentanyl vials that have been found in and around the playground. The school is in communication with the 88th precinct. If you see a vial, please call 311 or 911, as per instructions from the 88th precinct. Please also talk to your children about not touching unidentified objects.

Administration's Report (Principal Hope and Assistant Principal Rand)

- Ms. Hope welcomed the families.
- Mrs. Rand talked about state test score results. PS 11 continues to be high-performing. On the new Next Generation Learning Standards, PS 11 performs well above city and state levels. PS 11 was highest in District 13. Highlighting that educational excellence is part of the tapestry, she talked about all of the steps that PS 11 takes from the earliest stages to encourage excellence.

- As there have been questions around the different DOE accounts, Mrs. Rand provided an outline of each of them:
 - o *Student's DOE account*: Each student's has a DOE account, which provides access to all DOE platforms, such as google classroom, teach hub, etc. Class teachers can in the first instance help with the details needed to set up this account.
 - o *Parent's NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)*: This is a parent account that can be used to view the child's grades, report card, attendance sheet, etc.
 - o *Parent's My Schools account*: This is also a parent account and is used to apply to pre-K, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade.
- Mrs. Rand also spoke about the community concern around fentanyl trash cans. In addition to calling 311, she encouraged families to call elected officials and notify them of our concern.
- Finally, some important dates to note:
 - o Picture Day
 - Nov 1, 2, 3 (Pre-K)
 - Nov 8 (K-2nd grade) and Nov 9 (3rd-5th grade)
 - o Election Day is Nov 7 – there is no school
 - o Parent teacher conferences
 - Thursday, Nov 16 – evening conferences
 - Friday, Nov 17 – afternoon conferences
 - Half day of school on Nov 17 – 11.30 am dismissal
- In response to a question, Mrs. Rand said that the school had arranged for Chrome books for all 5th graders as 5th grade assessments are on devices. Between school and PTA funds, 4th grades will also be provided Chrome books as next year assessments will be on a device for all 4th graders, and the year after that for all 3rd graders. The school still has Chromebooks and desktops available, please contact Mr. Rand or Mrs. Rand if you'd like one. If anyone has an office that's closing or getting rid of devices that are operational, please contact Mr. Rand or Mrs. Rand or the PTA.
- Mrs. Rand reminded families to complete income verification forms, a.k.a. school lunch forms, even if you send lunch for your kids, because filling out of the form will help with school funding. You can access the form here: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

The floor was then opened for questions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.