



General PTA Meeting Minutes 12/9/20 12pm, Zoom

1. Meeting Start – Call to Order - 12:04
2. Approval of Minutes, 11/18/20 - approved
3. Treasurers' Report – nothing to report. Budget still being finalized.
4. Co-Presidents' Report - not much to report, opened it up to questions
5. Principal's Update –
 - a. Hoping to use the upcoming winter break to give staff/teachers the time to regroup.
 - b. Re: holiday gifts to teachers/staff--Maggie will try to get info by end of week. Conflict of interest rules are vague. No limit to what you donate to the school--you can buy something for the school classroom.
 - c. No issues getting testing consent so far
 - d. Maggie is sure everyone is being fully honest about their travels; please follow all quarantine rules -- even teachers have had to quarantine.
 - e. Next year's schedule has been sent in Denise's emails; check google calendar
6. Bridge the Gap Update - Elisa - summary re: what BTG is, direct fundraiser to raise funds for expenditures not covered by the current very tight DOE budget. This year the Bridge the Gap ask is \$750 per child. We've raised about 11K to date.
7. Committee Briefings:
 - a. Square1 Art - didn't end up raising that much (\$300) but it's something
 - b. Winter Pie Drive - Tiffany, summary of what it is, coming from a Fulton Street Stall market vendor
 - c. Virtual Book Fair - Check Denise's email for the link, buy until 12/16
8. 250 Water Update - 5 to 10 minutes
 - a. Megan: CB1 Monday meeting, haven't gotten brownfield report information or the specific toxins information we were expecting. Children First is troubled by the lack of transparency--hard to assess the enviro impact of the development without knowing more about the findings from the remedial investigation on a site that has toxic chemicals. Howard Huges is fast-tracking

everything to get their plans in front of current council members before their terms end, check Children First website, follow Children First and Seaport Coalition to get info as it happens. Their proposed plan will take 5 years to complete. And would start right when school starts FT, would lose our play street, roof access, etc.

9. CEC Update

- a. Emily: Town hall with chancellor last night. The biggest thing we still don't know relate to middle school and HS, how to apply and what they'll look at, Chancellor is hoping to have that before winter break. Unclear if this deadline will be met but that's what they're shooting for. Nothing has been decided on what to do re: G&T testing. Re: state testing, that's up to the state and nothing has been decided by the state yet either. Disability students committee is looking at meeting on January 8th. If you want to be notified directly, sign up through cecd2.net. Chancellor was frank that the extra money the DOE is spending now, like for PPE for example, is coming out of future budget since we haven't received money from federal government.

10. Meeting Finalized – Meeting close – Meeting ended at 12:58.