



General Meeting Notes 9/22/21

9am, Zoom

1. Meeting Start – Call to Order – 10 sec
2. Approval of Minutes, 6/9/21 - 10 sec
3. Principal's Update - 5 min
 - a. We're doing our best with respect to COVID and updating the community. The DOE situation room reviews and analyzes exposure matters in case-specific ways that aren't always dictated by announced DOE/CDC protocol, sometimes we have to wait and see. New protocols start Monday for school quarantine practices. We do not anticipate teacher shortages with vaccination mandates. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation, particularly with modeling good mask use. Please continue to do so outside the school. The K95 masks are challenging to breathe in, recess masks may be needed for those who wear them.
 - b. Back to School Night 9/22. Two sessions.
 - c. Morning Meeting with Maggie 9/24.
4. Treasurer's Report - 5 min (Nicole) -
 - a. The finances always tell a story, and this one tells the dedication of the parents. Thank you!
 - b. 11 days shy of close to quarter 1 (10/1). Overview and update on current expenditures, account balances, and budget. Will need to raise 403k for the year. Current balance is 81k. Monies cover professional development and school programs related to enhancing our children's learning. Appeal for general support from the school community.

5. Bridge the Gap Update - 1 min (Elisa) - Description of purpose and nature of BTG (community and school fundraising), programs and initiatives funded by BTG independently from DOE funding , and encouragement/appeal to participation (recurring donations are extremely helpful). Check with your company to see if they are a corporate sponsor or reach out to peckslipbridgethegap@gmail.com.
6. Co Presidents' Report – 10 min (Colleen and Emily)
 - a. We're so much more than fundraising. We appreciate our community so much and are here for support. PLEASE read our emails. Denise will give some updates in her Friday email but we will also be sending periodic emails.
 - b. We will be voting to amend our bylaws at the October 13th PTA meeting. We will be updating them to reflect our planned days/times of our meetings and also amend how we are auditing our financials.
 - c. We will be electing two more members at large in the October 13th PTA meeting. These are for NEW families to the school. Spread the word. You can nominate yourself or anyone you think would like to be involved.
 - d. Volunteer list will be sent out soon so be on the lookout!
 - e. We have some FUN activities planned for this year! You'll hear about some of these in a few minutes but just to give you an idea: Taste of the Seaport, Square One Art, Comedy Night, Trivia Night, Pie Drive, Book Fair, Poinsettia Sale, Variety Show, Glow in the Dark Party, Spring Auction, Teacher Appreciation activities, End of Year party and Read-a-thon
7. Committee Briefing - 10 min
 - a. Shop to Support Peck Slip - see the Shop link on our webpage for info on various codes and landing links. Amazon Smile, McNally, Minted, Shutterfly are all options to help. (Elisa)
 - a. Peck Slip Merch - Adrainne graciously donated all of the merch we have been selling! We will be continuing this all week and then will be selling at TOTS with more merch. (Megan)

- b. Square One Art - backpacking home details this week. So many options to participate and have your child's artwork made into great gifts. Please participate! (Melissa)
 - c. Taste of the Seaport - October 16 - Be on the lookout for ticket sales. A wonderful community building event! We NEED volunteers and there will be plenty of opportunities. COVID protocols will be in place. Katie and Maria will be transitioning the TOTS to new leadership as they have kiddos going to middle school. People need to step up! (Katie, Annie and Maria)
 - d. Pie Drive - a November event - Conversations have started with our partners at the Fulton Stall Market. Pies will be available for purchase and all pick up will be from there. Be on the look-out for details next month. (Amy Beth)
 - e. Book Fair - November 29-December 10th for an online book fair with Follett (Danny)
 - f. Technology Committee - Does anyone have the expertise to help with this? Want to update/link school and PTA calendars. PLEASE let us know if you have any interest in helping us we have an urgent need. (Megan)
8. 250 Water Update- 5 min (Emily/Megan) - General overview and update concerning Howard Hughes' plans and activities toward seeking approval for their development and remediation plans at 250 Water, together with the potential impact at the school and efforts to address mitigation with city agencies and enforce compliance with safety and health protocols.
9. Tunnel to Towers and Affordable Housing - 5 min (District Leader Vittoria Fariello) This Sunday. So near and dear to Vittoria and other members of our community.
10. Meeting Finalized – Meeting close – 30 sec