



General Meeting Minutes

11/09/22, 9am

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1. Meeting Start – Call to Order

Elisa calls the meeting to order. Ernisa seconds the motion.

2. [Approval of Minutes, 10/12/22](#)

Elisa calls to approve minutes from the October 12th meeting. Melissa seconds.

3. Introduce Election for up to four Member-at-Large positions

Elisa explains the function of the Executive Board, and opens the election for members of large to join. There are currently 4 spots available. Anyone can join and the commitment is to chair a committee and attend two meetings a month.

a. Nominate and, if applicable, vote for, Member-at-Large positions

Elisa opens it for nominations. Maggie mentions that it doesn't have to be a heavy lift. You can simply set up a small event for community building or fundraising. We will have another election in June as well. No new Members at Large elected.

4. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Scott

We have brought in \$134,815 of revenue, the majority through bridge the gap, corporate match through employers, and The Taste of The Seaport (\$70k in revenue) which was better than LY. We have expenditures for \$4000 in school supplies, \$17k Prof. Development, \$35k in programs and residencies for the kids. \$60k in total. Our projected budget is \$413K so we have a gap to fill. The Treasurer's report is linked in the agenda.

5. Principal's Update - Maggie

-Teachers had a great time doing conferences with everyone. The teachers love connecting with the parents to explain what is happening at school.

-Thank you all for helping with TOTS and attending. The money raised will contribute to Bill Gordh coming for storytelling to educate through storytelling and interaction.

-Learning By Design is working with 4th grade to enhance the study of New Amsterdam. It helps kids understand the culture of the people who were living here at that time.

-The third grade is preparing to work with Take Two, a filmmaking organization to make narrative films in the classroom. The fifth grade is engaging in Dancing Classrooms, the ballroom dance organization and students are loving it. -Peck Slip Teachers and Staff are working with a specialist on cultural and inclusive teaching. It pushes thinking on how teachers ensure the identities of students and that all are affirmed, recognized and included at school. The second is a district math investigation, hosted by PS276. Teachers learn how to engage students in more rich mathematics by meeting with people from Re-Imagined to see where Peck Slip sits in terms of math, and how they can shift the curriculum. We pay for teachers to work with other teachers to understand big ideas behind math concepts. It helps teachers break down or challenge students in a specific way based on the student's level.

-Schools are given the main budget from the DOE based on how many students are enrolled based on the historical record. On October 31st we know how many students are actually enrolled. The chancellor delivered the news that we are not being asked to give back money since our enrollment is very close to our projection.

6. Co-Presidents' Report – Elisa & Jessica

a. Brief update of completed events

Jessica begins by going through the past events. TOTS just took place and was a huge success. We raised more money than we did last year. This is organized by Peck Slip and Spruce Street parents. We split the revenue between the schools. Next year TOTS is already being planned. We also hosted a Halloween scavenger hunt with Spruce Street school. \$6k was raised between the schools. Low overhead and lots of fun to raise money. We really need volunteers for upcoming events!!! Everything is parent run and even if you can give a small amount of time in any capacity we would be grateful. And we have some fun while doing it! Upcoming events will have sign ups coming soon.

- b. 12/14/22 - Special in-person and evening holiday-time PTA meeting
Elisa mentions the next PTA meeting. All PTA meetings will be via zoom except the December meeting which will be at 6pm on 12.14. After the short meeting, 4th and 5th graders will perform, and then there will be pizza and crafts for kids and a chance to mingle with other parents. We would be happy to have help with this!
- c. Auction 2023
Every year we do an auction in the spring. This year it will be at the end of May. We need event planners, corporate sponsors, donations, and your help! Think about businesses that you frequent that may be interested in donating something. Adrienne is organizing and mentions that it is really fun and is the biggest fundraiser of the year! We will have professionally framed art this year! Anything you can do to help is welcome!

7. Committee Briefings

- a. [Fall Fete](#) - Adrienne
Please come to the Fall Fete this evening!! It is at the Paris Cafe and Maggie is attending. You can still get tickets! Paris Cafe has been great! Any giftcards purchased tonight, 20% of gift card sales will go back to the school.
- b. [Pie Drive](#) - Melissa & Christine
We are getting pies for the staff of Peck Slip, and we are going to do a big sale to buy. The pies get delivered the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. You can buy pies for the staff, yourself (up to 2 pies for yourself), or both!
- c. Fall Book Fair - Shannon & Ernisa
Book fair is going to be December 5th through December 9th with slots for classrooms to go during the day and an evening for families. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Shannon will reach out to volunteers who signed up shortly.
- d. [Shop & Support the PTA](#) - Elisa
We have a tab on our website to shop partners who offer a discount to Peck Slip parents and a donation from your purchase. There is a link to Amazon Smile

and Peck Slip Merch. Please keep it in mind and check it out! If you have any businesses in mind that would be interested in helping let us know!

e. [Bridge the Gap](#)- Elisa

We do events to raise money, but also ask for direct contributions to Peck Slip PTA. The goal is to get \$1000 per child. We have raised \$55k so far, with 15% participation rate. We would love to bring that number up! It doesn't have to come from parents, but can come from relatives or friends as well! You can also do a corporate match if that is available to you! The PTA will handle the verification of the donation. Opened up for questions. No questions asked.

8. Meeting Finalized – Meeting close

Elisa closes the meeting!

Volunteers Always Needed!! Sign up [here!](#)

Thank you!



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