



General PTA Meeting Minutes 10/12/22

9am via Zoom

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1. Meeting Start – Call to Order – 30 seconds
Elisa Called meeting to order, and Melissa S. seconds.
2. [Approval of Minutes from last PTA meeting, 06/08/22](#) - 1 minute
Elisa calls for approval and Rob Harper seconds it.
3. Co-President’s Report (Jessica D. & Elisa V.) - 5-10 minutes
 - a. Welcome
Jessica welcomes everyone, and the executive board. The PTA has been making up for lost time with no Executive Board over the summer.
 - b. What is the PTA? General explainer
The PTA plans community events and raises money for the school. The DOE budget is given by the city for the teachers and basic funding to run the school. The PTA pays for almost everything else including tech, supplies, enrichment programs including storytelling and jazz, and teacher enrichment. We have an extremely lean DOE budget this year, making it even more crucial for the PTA to come together and raise money. We raise that money through events including the auction, Taste of The Seaport, and Bridge the Gap. All of the information about where the fundraised money is available to you.
 - c. Volunteering
For PTA to be successful we need the community to volunteer and get involved! The mission this year is to create a bigger community. We know that you are all busy, but any help is appreciated. What do you have a background in, what interests you? The form to let us know is linked on the agenda. Our hope is that we can connect you with something that is of interest. We need your involvement!! The entire executive board is available for questions.
 - d. Survey for General Meetings Schedule
Elisa speaks about finalizing the general meeting schedule. The by laws state general meetings should be held the second Wednesdays of the month except on holidays. Please fill out the questionnaire about in person or zoom preferences.

e. 11/09 Election for Members at Large

We have 12 Executive Board members, and the by laws state we can have up to 6 members at large and currently we have 2. We will hold an election next month to fill the additional 4 positions if you are interested.

4. Principal's Update (Maggie S.) - 5-10 minutes

Maggie is getting Phoebe re-certified today to continue to be the school comfort dog. There are many great programs already up and running at school.

-For 4th and 5th grade band is beginning. Michelle is going to teach music and band which frees up \$30k for other things.

-Learning by Design has started working with the 4th grade doing architectural work surrounding New Amsterdam. -Dancing classrooms has started. 5th graders are ballroom dancing and the kids are loving it.

-We have found someone to teach upper grade science. Marianna Whittick, who was a teacher at Peck Slip for a number of years, and can commit to several months. She will start next week. Pre-K through 2nd grade will be taught science in their classroom.

-Katie R., a former parent, and Colleen R. have worked tirelessly and the library is open now! It is open for visits, but we are working on a system to allow check outs.

-We are starting with a new program called CREA. It's an immersive video game that incorporates movement having kids interact with a virtual scenario that is environmentally themed. This program is in two city schools currently, who are having great success with it. The creators are giving it to us at cost because of our long term relationship with them. It will be used as part of the PE program, and for kids who need movement breaks during the day.

a. Construction update

If interested you can get info from the developer by getting on Ricky Wong's email list, or by accessing minutes from the remediation meetings. Maggie is counting on community members to stay on top of this project. The noise is not disruptive, and there are no noxious smells in the building. The only report is early morning smell before the kids get there. So far so good. There was a bit of vibration yesterday, 10.11,22, but the sensors in the building were not picking up anything alarming. One of the 5th graders has initiated a project with other 5th graders to track the project through images and writing.

5. Treasurer's Report (Scott M.) – 3 minutes

Scott introduces himself. He will manage the incoming funds, outgoing expenses and the budget. YTD July 1st through October 11th the total balance is \$125,216.00. \$90,430 available balance after recent checks clear. Revenue comes in through events, Bridge the Gap, and Corporate donors for the most part. \$45,863 has been brought in so far this year which is \$10,000 more than LY. On the expenditure side we have written checks for \$36k, which is \$9k

less than LY. The goal is to raise \$413,000 in revenue this year, and expenses going out in the same sum. We are making good progress towards the goal, but we have more to raise.

6. Taste of the Seaport on October 15th - 2 minutes

Annie updates. Has experience working on TOTS. It has grown significantly over the years. This year it has grown beyond restaurants to other community businesses as well as additional schools. One of the big things is that they need volunteers throughout the day!! You can bring your kids, as there is stuff going on for them too! High school level and above to actually volunteer. Nicole speaks about activations beyond the restaurants. What is TOTS? Community festival and block party to raise money for the seaport public schools. Food is donated by the local restaurants for us to sell tickets and raise money. One of the three main entrances will be at Peck Slip and Water Street. Peck Slip Park is being turned into a piazza. "School Alley" will include schools who are offering activities for the kids. There will be more restaurant activations on Front Street. On Fulton Street, McNally Jackson will have activities and an author along with a feature of what downtown schools are reading. Mention Peck Slip at McNally Jackson and they will give 20% of your purchase back to Peck Slip. Additional food and activities on the pier! \$100k is the board's goal to raise from this fundraiser. Please spread the word for all friends and family to attend. This is outside of the direct appeal, Bridge The Gap.

7. Committee Briefings (6-8 minutes total):

a. Halloween Scavenger Hunt on 10/30 (Jessica)

New for us. TOTS will also put on a scavenger hunt on Sunday October 30th. You can buy tickets for a scavenger hunt that is a mile long. It will be with Spruce Street School, and kids will be guaranteed to get candy. It is parent run. Please participate and attend! It is one of the items on the volunteer form.

b. Fall Fete on 11/09 at Paris Cafe (Adrienne R.)

The Fall Fete is 11/9 from 6-8p at the Paris Cafe who have helped keep the costs to host low. We will have child care at Peck Slip with Manhattan Youth, which will be an additional fee to the \$50 ticket price. You can sponsor a ticket for a teacher. Looking for additional sponsors for this. We have two but need more. Feel free to reach out to Adrienne with questions.

c. Fall Book Fair (Shannon Q. & Ernisa U.)

Shannon has reached out to both Scholastic and McNally Jackson to see which vendor makes more sense for PEck Slip. We are targeting the first week of December for the book fair. Updates to follow, but we would love your help! Please volunteer on the sign up form below. We are super excited to have an in person book fair again this year!

d. Bridge the Gap (Jessica)

Direct fundraising campaign each year. The lowest transaction cost for donations. You donate and it goes directly into our account. You can do one time, monthly, or quarterly, and can be corporate matched if that is offered by your workplace. Anyone can donate!!

e. Shop Peck Slip (Elisa)

This is a way we make passive income for Peck Slip. Amazon Smile is there in addition to Minted, Shutterfly, and others that donate to us. If there are any additional ideas for more businesses to do this let us know. Go the Peck Slip website and look for the Shop Peck Slip tab.

QUESTIONS:

-Review of the construction update from Maggie.

Megan Malvern added that you can get info from CB1 and October 17th is their next meeting. They will be de-mobilizing the site by October 14th. Phase 1 of the remediation will be over. The construction project is slated to be started early next year. They are working on noise monitoring with NYU and the results will be available. Please reach out to Megan with questions. Search CB1 on google and the link should populate.

8. Meeting Finalized – Meeting close – 30 seconds

Elisa closed the meeting.

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



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