



## General PTA Meeting MINUTES 11/14/18 - FINAL

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Cafeteria

1. Meeting Start – Call to Order 8:32 AM
2. Approval of Minutes, 10/10/18 - Approved
3. Co-Treasurer's Report – Expenditures \$176,800, Reserve \$76,080, TOT is expected to come in at about \$60,000 around December - slightly higher than last year, so far about \$5,600 came in from BTG.
4. Co-President's Report – Committees are each off & running and doing great! PS 150 looks like they'll be here next year despite their strong efforts to stay put. However, Vorando may end up complying due to strong media pressure. The next CEC meeting is 12/3 at Clinton School. Middle school & high school entry issues will be addressed. You are always invited to attend. To be tapped in visit [www.CECD2.net](http://www.CECD2.net) and subscribe to their eblasts.
5. Principal's Update – Introduced Meredith Rossbach, a new K teacher with us this year, who spoke about ICT Classrooms (Integrative Co-Teaching). Briefly explained what an ICT classroom is and how it works, and announced there will be a future workshop about this to really explain and answer all parent's questions- weather you're interested in generally understanding more for that simple reason alone or if you're contemplating setting it up for the best future/ongoing environment for your child.
6. Taste of The Seaport Recap – What a great and fun day! Thank you so much to all volunteers!! Next year's planning is already underway.
7. Committee Briefings:
  - a. Book Fair This Week! Clean Up Volunteers Needed, 11/19 – Once again, Katie & Kira have out done themselves. DO visit the transformed Blue Block Room and shop the magical Book Nook Boutique! We are close to having total monies covered so all the students can have fun shopping with their class. \$10/student. Regardless, the PTA budgets it so ALL students WILL be able to shop. The PTA directly is not able to use Venmo now or a platform like this, but we are working on it. Class parents, however, can each organize this

themselves for the PTA and parent convenience. Volunteers needed on Monday for clean up, please!

- b. Thanksgiving Pie Drive, 11/20 – Some extra pies may be available on pick up day, so if you want one and didn't order any, do inquire on Tuesday during the handout. Handout from 2:40 – 5:40 PM. Volunteers needed. Even short help time is appreciated, i.e. 20 minutes!
  - c. Peck Parent's Winter Social, 11/29 – Genuine speakeasy experience. Password will be available just prior to event. Location is actually a large savvy "penthouse" set up. There will be a jazz trio, specialty cocktails as well as regular drinks, and a terrific raffle featuring significant prizes. 20s attire encouraged or come as you are. This is truly a super cool event for Peck parents.
  - d. Toy Drive, 11/26 – 12/7 – Starts the week after Thanksgiving - Clean out your apts over the break! Accepting gently used or new toys (or really any gift items for adults in the homes too). All ages from newborn to teens as it is an elementary school but these can be entire families we are supporting. Please include new batteries if possible. Benefits PS 209 in the Bronx via Meredith, a past Peck maternity substitute teacher, who organizes it on their end. Description of their execution was described for an idea how it all happens. Side Note: Coat Drive was a huge success. Bigger than a truck full. We'll have the The Salvation Army's van come pick it up in time to distribute for the cold weather approaching. Thank you to all for all your support in the special drives!
  - e. Holiday Poinsettias, 12/3 – Drop off/Delivery volunteers needed, especially people with cars. If you can quickly get order for residential or business building, go for it! There's still time. Also, some extra plants available day of for \$6.00/ea.
8. Bridge The Gap – Launched 10/13 via email. Check it out and please do ask any questions you may have! Pie chart featured in deck is what would be picture perfect and how the ask is figured. Automatic monthly contributions have option to be 12 months or ongoing.
9. SLT Update – The first Screen Free Night was yesterday and one parent spoke about their positive experience with it. More Screen Free Nights to come!...
10. Meeting Finalized – Meeting closed 8:59 AM and speaker (below) was introduced.

Neighborhood News Presentation – Kerry Tucei from The Schimmel Center. World class entertainment located just steps away at Pace University.