

10/4 PTA Meeting Summary

Principal's Report:

- Attendance for September was great! Students are also arriving on time, which means a great start to the day for everyone. Please continue to keep it up!
- Lots of residencies are beginning soon! Creative Dance, Musical Theater, Audubon, Swimming..... See Ms. Raciunas' note below that highlights all that is happening!

President's Report

- Currently 82% of our students have at least one parent linked to them on Parent Square - PLEASE chat with your friends and see if they connected!
- We need a Chair, or Co-Chairs for our Multicultural Holiday Fair on December 14.
- We need a location for our annual premiere event party, the FUN!Raiser. It needs to hold 350+ people. Please email Alison (alison.jennison@ps110kpta.org) if you have a lead with a connection, or an idea of a space that can work for us.
- We are looking for a photographer to take photos at school so we can update our website, tour presentation, and a promotional postcard for our school. Please email the PTA (ptaps110@ps110kpta.org) if you are interested!

Treasurer's Report

- We have 14 monthly donors - please consider joining them!
- Anticipated income for Direct Giving, with a budget of \$55k is currently \$15,939.
- Due to an income of over \$250,000 last year, the PTA will require an audit from a CPA firm. This will cost approximately \$3,000-\$5,000.

Parent Coordinator's Report

- Please fill out the income inquiry form, www.myschoolapps.com
- PK and K families - Family Tuesday has been moved and is now Family Wednesday. Amy will send home letters with dates soon.

Advocacy Committee

- Next meeting -Thursday 10/17 at 8:15am
- There is a CEC meeting on 10/10 at 6pm at IS 71 (266 Rutledge St) - come and here what is happening in District 14
- On Nov 22 we will host a Community Engagement Breakfast where we will invite local elected officials and some of our students will do a presentation and we will mingle. We need 2-3 parent volunteers to assist with the day of preparations. Email Yuli (advocacy@ps110kpta.org) if you can help.

Fundraising Committee

- Next meeting - Wednesday 10/16 at 8:15am
- Charity Buzz has closed four auctions - all through the connections of ONE parent (thanks Mike Abbott!) Please continue to think of who you know or what connections you have!

- Participatory Budget - a few members of the committee are working to create a short list of ideas to be submitted for Participatory Budget. Stay tuned as we continue to move through the checklist.
- Direct Giving - As stated in the Treasurer's Report, we have a long way to reach our goal. One idea the committee had was to create a special item that would be given to donors of \$290 or more per year, or \$29 a month or more. - - -
- VOTE was conducted - to move \$1,000 from our contingency line to create a \$1,000 fundraising incentive line. Vote was unanimous.

Green Committee

- Next meeting - Wednesday 10/16 at 8:15am
- D14 Green Alliance meeting will be held at PS 110 on 10/15 at 6:30pm. This meeting is open to all parents in District 14 that want to discuss what initiatives we can work on together. Please tell any friends you have at other schools.
- Students are in the Garden as we speak! We still need some parent volunteers next week on Monday and Tuesday to help with student scavenger hunts.
- On November 2, we are having a bulb planting event in the Garden.... All families are invited!

Library

- Library will start next week!
- Please encourage your children to return books when they are due - as our school has grown, our library inventory is even more precious.

Merchandise Committee

- Next meeting - Thursday 10/10 at 8:15am
- New logo.... Do we continue to print English and French? Or have one unified logo? Casual census was taken... many like the language logos. Do we create one logo with both languages?
- Come to the next merch meeting as a final decision will be made so we can place our fall order of sweatshirts and winter beanie hats.

Wellness & Sustainability

- Next meeting - Thursday 10/10 at 8:15am
- Chef Wally joined us and demonstrated the amount of sugar in many popular beverages including the chocolate milk served in the cafeteria. .
- Chef Wally is here twice a week this year. She spoke about some of the new menu items and that they have been popular with the children.

Fall Carnival

- Next Meeting - Friday 10/11 at 8:15am
- LOTS happening, and we need help! Volunteer for one hour! It was also announced that for each hour you volunteer you will get one entry to win TWO pairs of tickets for a show of your choice at The Warsaw or xxxxx. So sign up today!
- Various sponsors have covered the costs of items.

Open Forum

- A parent asked if we can remove chocolate milk from being offered in the cafeteria. Ms. Raciunas answered that it is likely that the DOE is going to remove chocolate milk from all schools in the near future and we would begin to phase it out in our school soon.
- A parent suggested the money pledged from Assemblyman Lentol (\$125,000 at our last meeting) plus Participatory Budget money - pooled together to build a kitchen in 108.
- Concerns that not all students get all clusters (we have six clusters and only five days in a week, so not every student gets everything...) Ms Raciunas explained that our students all

get so much enrichment - through classes, enrichment clusters, art residencies, and more - so if we look at the whole experience at PS 110, all students do in fact get a rich experience.

- A parent asked how often the Pre-K classrooms are being cleaned. She had observed that the bathroom of her daughter's classroom was not clean and smelled strongly. Ms. Raciunas answered that they are cleaned twice a day and the staff works hard to keep them clean.
- A suggestion that as an eco school, we look at all we are doing to see what our environmental impact is - for example, at events, with merchandise, etc. We spoke of the work that the Wellness & Sustainability is doing.