



**PTA General Membership Meeting
November 18, 2020, 9:30am
Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes**

- I. 9:35am - Meeting is called to order by Stella Chang
 - a. Maya & Stella, co-presidents introduce themselves and the rest of the board.
 - b. Sign-in google sheet posted on chat for attendance.
 - c. Post questions in the chat and they'll be answered.
- II. 9:38 – Review and approval of minutes by Marcia George. Unanimously approved by members.
- III. 9:39 – Treasurers' report – Mike Sobel
 - a. Money coming in through Direct Appeal and One-run. Thanks to all who donated.
 - b. Expenses. Money spent on art and music enrichment, the Remind app and consulting fees.
 - c. Expecting some increases in expenses as teachers spend more on remote learning.
 - d. Proposed revised budget – \$240K decrease to \$175K based primarily on not having a live auction. Primary source of revenue through direct appeal. Increased proposed expenses: for accounting and building community events.
 - e. 9:45am - 2020-2021 budget approved unanimously by PTA members.
- IV. 9:47am Principal's Report – Jacqui, Jill, Katie, Fish report
 - a. P/T Conferences coming up – 10 minutes with each family. Email Katie, Jill, or Jacqui if you need more time with teachers.
 - b. Coronavirus numbers are monitored closely – information given by DOE. Morton set up a system to work seamlessly in school or remote, so they're prepared for any scenario.
 - c. High School. No news yet. CB2 may have an info session for current 8th grade families soon. Morton website updated with HS information. Email Highschoolquestions@75morton.org with questions.
 - d. This week transitioning that all students log in through their DOE zoom accounts and not Morton login.
 - e. Grading policy set forth by the DOE. K – 8 students cannot fail. For 8th grade if you get an NX you have to go to summer school. In a number grading system 65 and above is passing.
 - i. NX. There is no failing grade for any student. If you get a 64 you'll receive an NX. For 8th graders only in core classes, they are required to get a passing grade. If indeed they receive an NX, they must do summer school to pass.
 - ii. End of the year in June parents have a right to choose a P for passing over a numerical grade in the final grading period.
 - f. PE – everyone will get physical education in the next few weeks. Details in family letter upcoming.
 - g. Hybrid for new families interested will begin the week of November 30th. Communicate with school if not coming in but still want to hold the spot.
 - h. School Store. Putting in a plug for Morton slippers and beanie caps. Buying swag helps with fundraising.
 - i. Rooms are kept cold – wear sweaters.



- j. Discussion on teacher travel and dedication from all over the city and beyond.
- k. Fran, consultant business manager watches the admin budget, a much-needed service in deciphering the DOE budget.
- V. 10:05 – Presidents’ report – Maya Brewster-Dorian & Stella Chang
 - a. Thunder Buddies program for parents working well. Will be run by Marcia, Jake, and Beverly. Next one December 8th at 5pm. Children invited this time around for some pre-holiday activities.
 - b. One run raised 7K, double from last year.
 - c. Wine tasting community builder went well. One more on December 8th at 6pm.
 - d. Direct Appeal is our main fundraiser. 100% participation – any amount requested.
 - e. Pie delivery on Tuesday November 24th. At school unless schools are closed then we’ll ask parent volunteers to drive to make deliveries.
 - f. Thanksgiving meals distributed next week Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 75 Morton 9am – 12pm and 3pm-5pm. Every day school is open meals are served from 3 – 5pm to all New. Yorkers.
 - g. Online auction starting tomorrow, Thursday November 19th. View items on website and bid. Closes on December 6th. Larger items like art that are best viewed in person will be saved for a potential live auction in the spring.
 - h. School store has new items. Students are voting on 7 designs this week. The winners will be part of a T-shirt drop in December.
 - i. Virtual events and more community building planned. Looking for ideas. If you have one please lead and we’re here to support you.
- VI. 10:16am – SLT – Heather Campbell
 - a. Upcoming meeting on Monday. Ongoing discussions about how to help and support the school.
 - b. Question on visiting SLT meetings – yes you may. Rules are you may observe but you can’t speak without prior permission.
- VII. 10:20 – no new or old business to discuss.
- VIII. 10:20am - Stella reminds everyone the next PTA Meeting is December 16th at 9:30am. Meeting adjourned.

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