



75 MORTON | MS 297 NYC

PTA General Meeting Agenda
January 18, 2023 at 9:30 am
Join via [Zoom](#)

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Welcome
- II. Review and Approval of this Agenda [Rebecca](#)
 - o [Do we have a motion to waive the reading and to approve the minutes from the November 2022 PTA meeting?](#)
[Do we have a second?](#)

[All in favor of waiving the reading of and approving the minutes of the November 2022 PTA meeting say "I"](#)
[All against say "I"](#)
[Any abstentions?](#)
[Motion has passed](#)
- III. Principal's Report [SLIDE](#)

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Principal's Report

- Grace How- AP
- Winter Showcase
- 75th Day of School!
- Yondr Bags
- Theater for a New Audience
- Morton and iSchool Collaboration
- New Clubs
 - International Club
 - Latinx
- Field Trips
 - Whitney - 7th/8th VA
 - MoMA - 8th STEAM
 - Henry IV - 8th Drama
 - Jewish History Museum - 8th ELA
- MAP Testing - Mid-Year



Introduced interim Assistant Principal, Grace How. She is filling in while [Katie Altman](#) is on maternity leave.

The Winter Showcase was well attended by many families and the kids were so proud to show their work so far in Vocal and Instrumental.

The 75th Day of School was so much fun. Pictured is class 611 that had 100% participation in spirit wear.

Yondr Bags were implemented also on the 75th day of school and have been going well. Teachers have seen an improvement in classes. Our Yondr rep was very impressed with our staff that helped with the transition. Our school had a 1% damage/loss of Yondr bags which is less than the normal 10% damage Yondr has seen in other schools during implementation.

Theater for a New Audience has started working with 7th and 8th grade classes.

We started two new clubs that students are excited about: International Club and the Latinx Club. We are happy that the students are able to experience field trips again and had the 7th & 8th grade Visual Arts majors visit the Whitney, the 8th Grade STEAM majors visited the MoMA, the 8th Grade drama majors will see a performance of Henry the IV and to support the ELA 8th grade curriculum, reading Mouse, those students will visit the Jewish History Museum.

MAP testing for the midyear will be tomorrow.

Question from parent: Showcase for musical, is there going to be a showcase for the visual in the

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spring? Yes, no details yet but it does happen in the spring.

8th grade health classes: it is a requirement to teach AIDS curriculum will include in health teaching as well as reproduction. All parents will get a letter letting them know ahead of time.

Hope report:

SHSAT information session partnering with Tutorverse to provide text prep. Zoom informational last night hopefully can be posted. Registration is open now will close on Jan 31st. Email Hope to get information. Classes begin end of March weekly afterschool.

Friday morning Coffee Talk with Hope happening. Sean Grover will be talking about how to talk with your children about bullying in the school.

IV. Treasurers' Report

a. Budget

Main items we got \$4775 in donations. We are at 20% of our target for donations for the year. 36 families have donated this year.

School store did a big purchased of \$2,344 this is for the whole year

Expenses: Teacher appreciation, credit card fee, teacher classroom purchases.

Questions: no questions

i. Adjustments: Vote needed for the following changes:

- Increase the Seasonal Parties budget by \$1000 to cover Fright Night,
- Snowball & the new Spring Fling
- Create an income line for field trip money collected by the PTA
- Increase the expense line to balance the added income field trip income

Vote to approve the following changes: Motion to approve the addition these to items. Corinne seconds the motion. 19 yes votes.

Second item to vote to increase the seasonal dance parties by 1,000 to cover fright night, snowball and spring fling. 1 no 20 yes motion carries

Question: Asked what the total fundraising was the whole school is \$200,000. Suggested to get a per student fundraising goal not just household.

Suggestion: Send home envelopes asking for donation for low amount with pizza party for classroom and

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participation. Could do several times.

Wanted to address to find out about arrests at the school. PTA shared that no one was arrested and we need to share that information. Hope explained that fight happened off of school grounds and police came because someone called 911. Police interviewed students, one student went in ambulance to get checked out. School is still in the process of interviewing everyone involved.

Suggestion: to have a town hall monthly to talk about the fighting happening in the school and provide information about what is happening at the school. Need a better way to communicate. Use PTA money to help facilitate anti-bullying at the school.

V. Presidents' Report

o Upcoming Events & Initiatives

- i. Bowling Field trips [get in your field trip payments \\$15](#). So far we have received [payment for 145 out of 500 students](#)
- ii. Coffee Talk w/ Hope - [Jan 20th 9:30am Sean Grover](#)
- iii. Snowball - Thurs. Feb. 9th -Career Day - March 7th - [sign up to participate](#).
- iv. T-shirt design contest & yearbook cover [Feb 1st & Cap & Gown measurements](#)

8th Grade students get to design the shirts and the design of the year book.

Cap and Gown measurements:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJDVda0sP2980RnDQ-c_v_uwInfShSJT08YYzaMV3DS9_BJQ/viewform

- v. Calendar of Events - [Hoping that families are finding it helpful](#).
- i. PTA Survey Results -

Mostly filled out by parents. Most people prefer 6 and 7 in the evening. Will try that next meeting. Keeping it open so parents can continue to fill out.

vi. Committees

1. School store - [Would love to have parent volunteers who would be able](#)

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to set up the store at events

2. Auction Committee - drop the sign up form in chat

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdez68u_UemW5hO0Bgeo-SxyT3xwUqaJWY6bCDJEMooM3iV5Q/viewform if parents are looking to do it. We can do it smaller

3. 8th Grade Committee
4. Yearbook
5. Graduation

- I. School Leadership Team Report - [Jordan Wright reports](#)

Shared sent out a survey to ask kids about safety and it was not a 100% yes. Talking about ways to make the school feel safer. Jordan feels it is an intervention, students are feeling so badly bullied they don't want to attend school. He feels there needs to be more anti-bullying programs. He is looking to engage more and wants to hear from you email him st@morton.org. (Correction: info@75morton.org)

- VI. Old Business: Shout out to [Leanne Friedman](#) & NRG (Nicholas) and the students for a wonderful Winter Showcase.
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 10:43 am.

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