

Minutes: General Board Meeting (Virtual) 11/24/20

6:00 pm Start

- **President's Update** - Juno Turner & Betsy Velazquez
 - PA meetings will likely always be on the last Tuesday of the month, alternating between mornings and evenings. Open call for discussion items
 - Update on technology / laptop assistance for ~120 students in our school who still don't have adequate equipment to learn remotely. Overall this is really upsetting that there are 60k kids in the city still without devices, and so many in our school specifically.
 - Make noise if you can! Hold the city, elected official, Carranza accountable.
 - If you have ideas, connections, etc in the world of internet providers, please let us know because there are still dozens of families without wifi connections.
 - Race and Equity library -- this was one of the Participatory Budgeting projects that was funded last year - we now have a great list of books for both kids and adults and will be purchasing those books from a black owned bookstore locally.
 - Shoutout to Megan, Arcelia and Katherine for organizing the Thanksgiving food drive which helped to feed 30 families
 - Winter Coat Drive - Ms Garcia, a 3rd grade teacher, launched a Donors Choose project to acquire winter coats for PS139 kids. It was funded within 24 hours! We now have 32 coats, 48 hats, 48 pairs of gloves so if you need a winter coat or know someone who does, they are available for people who need them.
- **2020/21 Budget** - Megan Leese
 - There hasn't been too much activity in terms of spending yet this year. Donations have helped strengthen our financial situation. A lot of incoming money is being used as aid to families in need. We are separating general donations as well as Family Emergency Fund so if you want your donation to go to that specific place, indicate as such when you donate.
 - Reminder about EBT cards -- if you are in a position to do so, please use your card to purchase food (as required) and donate an equivalent amount or any portion of it to the PA Family Emergency Fund
- Minutes from previous meeting
 - Motion to approve: Rachel Nevins
 - Second: Kelly Lisman
- **PA Committees**
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Miss Chocolate Fundraiser -- This fundraiser is entirely online this year. Two ways to get orders from family/friends. You can collect online, or you can print out the order forms and do a bulk order yourself. This year we cannot collect orders at the school or handle cash.
 - if you want things to be delivered by the holidays, please get your orders in by Monday! All information has gone out by Remind, on Facebook, email, etc.
 - Arcelia Leal is the contact for Miss Chocolate if you have any questions.
 - Update on Fall / End of year fundraising drives

- Next Tuesday, December 1 is #GivingTuesday and the launch of our end-of-year fundraising appeal! Look out for our Facebook fundraiser to share with family and friends!
- Digital Communications Committee --- call for volunteers!
 - We have rebranded the Technology & Communications committee to “Digital Communications”. We handle the Weekly Roundup and the school website
 - The committee could really use some help with the website, keeping content fresh and updated, redesigning some stuff, etc. You don’t need to be an expert at all but if you do have Wordpress skills that would be amazing. Reach out to mich.chang@gmail.com
- Library Committee
 - Book Fairies project -
 - We got a bunch of book donations for grades 4 & 5, and are looking for drivers to deliver these book baggies - if you can deliver, sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4facac2da1f58-book>
 - We’re looking to do this for grades 2 & 3 as well and later for K & 1, so... if you know any publishers, if you can donate any books, etc. please be in touch with mdemarkis@ps139.org or caolanmadden@gmail.com
 - Consider joining the Friends of Cortelyou Library so you can get involved in local library issues
- **Keeping in the loop with school communications:**
 - Remind, Email Newsletter (Weekly Roundup).
 - You can always email pa@ps139.org
 - Facebook Group - Questions reminder/ Guidelines
 - Shared Contact Info List
- **Q&A (from Chat)**

Adjournment 6:26

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