

PS3 PTA Meeting Agenda, December 19th, 2023 – 7.00pm

Virtual

[Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 873 5701 9420 Passcode: 179889

Please find our agenda (with links to all other docs) [here](#)

Start 702pm

Attendance - please sign in [here](#)

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1. Presenters

- Principal Hillary Casado/Vice Principal Susannah Plunkett
Thank you for showing up even though it is a busy time of year.
- Christina Lowe, parent coordinator
School tour tmrw 9am; C looking for help. Friday is ugly sweater day!

2. Treasurers' Reports

TY to the 35% of our families that have donated!

All \$ is where we expect it for the year. What do we do with the \$ that we don't use immediately? Kate would like to place a large amount into a CD for a 5% yield (9 month). Budget committee to be formed in January. Everyone is invited.

- [Balance Sheet](#)

- [Profit and Loss](#)

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- With interest rates likely to come down in the new year, we are planning to put about \$300,000 of our cash-on-hand into high-interest CDs at Chase ([more info here](#)).

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- The Budget committee will form in January, all are invited to join and help decide how to allocate the money the PTA raises for next school year. This committee is the best way to influence where money is spent, because by the time we present the proposed budget to the PTA at large in April, it's late in the process for major changes. Meetings are tentatively the first Monday of the month (not January 1st!)

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- If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, please reach out via the treasurer email: ptatreasurer@ps3nyc.org

3. Fundraising Updates (fundraising@ps3nyc.org)

- 3Fund update
We are doing great. The app for growth is that only a small % of the community has donated; spread word!
- Class participation numbers are coming
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- Benefit Bash & Auction save the date
March 22 save the date; Chelsea Factory

4. Arts Committee (arts@ps3nyc.org)

- The next Arts Committee meeting will be on January 5th @ 8:45am in the cafeteria

5. Yearbook Committee (yearbook@ps3nyc.org)

- Designers still needed for several classes -
- [Sign up for your class on the sheet here](#)

Events Cmtee

ALL permits to go through events

Mini charrette coming up: organized by committee topics but more may come up as we jigsaw! Jan 27 in the afternoon; Heather Cardinale to do a leadership workshop too!

6. Disco proposal vote (events@ps3nyc.org)

- [Here's](#) the proposal, for review
\$2000 budget (rough) to throw a disco in the middle of Jan.
- VOTE: Passed!

7. vote on formation of Safety Handbook committee

- One of our PS3 parents has put together an amazing document that could serve as a starting point for a new safety handbook for PS3.
- The goals of the handbook:
 1. increase communication, build trust and transparency while respecting privacy; establish a shared school culture; strengthen partnership between parents, teachers, and leadership--all child centered—we're on a joint mission
 2. handbook's relationship to DOE policy
 3. Highlight PS3 values - prevention and restorative
- [Here's](#) the proposal, for review
- (if successful) if you would like to be a part of this committee, please email ptapresident@ps3nyc.org

VOTE: Passed!

8. SLT special election

- Elena Manresa is originally from Barcelona and is the mother of Daniel, who is a happy kindergartener. Elena is a faculty member in the economics department of NYU, and a regular research visitor at the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Her

research mainly focuses on the use of data to understand decision making and inequality, so do not ask her about what



stock to buy, as she has no idea about that
VOTE: Uncontested win.

9. There's also 1 open MAL position on the PTA EB if anyone's interested and would like to throw their hat in the ring...
No contenders...

Michael DeShields: request tmrw eve at approx 6 pm to go to the D2 CEC meeting - 2 members of CEC were exposed for stating no such thing as transgendered kids; referring to indoctrination and contagion of such. Michael plans to speak and demand resignation or that DOE provide them training.

10. Breakout Rooms!

- Fundraising
- Arts Committee
- Budget Committee
- Racial Justice & Equity x Diverse Learners Group
- STEAM
- Class Parents

11. Unfinished Business?

12. New Business?

13. Adjournment

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