



## General Meeting Agenda 9/20/17

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM, Peck Slip Cafeteria

### FINAL

**EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE:** Emily Hellstrom, Megan Malvern, Shira Stember, John Weyrens, Toni Clay Fields, Deborah Posternak Assayag, Florence Lynch, Natalie Ferrone, Shelley Grams, Cara Ottilio-Cooper, Katie Melchior

**Meeting Start** – Call to Order at 8:35a

**Approval of Minutes**, 6/07/17

**Co-Presidents Report:** Transition of Mori Ninomiya out, and Megan Malvern in. Emily introduced the Executive Board and all made brief personal intros. Potential heavy turnover on EB next year, encouraged all to volunteer, if interested in potentially running next year please speak up. Many ways to get involved big and little.

Megan: Will have PTA table out front at drop off Tues/Thurs. Encouragement to please attend PTA meetings. Typically 3 evening PTA meetings per year with babysitting. Meeting minutes we will be posted on general school website - still trying to figure it out but look for it will be there.

Other communication - we try not to inundate people with emails. PLEASE read Denise's emails. Weekly calendar on white board in lobby. Class parents also communicate on a class level. PTA FB page. Local business discounts things that benefit school. Peck Slip PTA like us/Follow us.

Merchandise: Always available online, will also have it out at table in mornings. Also in October start spirit day. Can wear t-shirts or just the colors.

Our PTA is really about our Peck community. We have funds to raise to make the school what we all want it to be, but we all know that is a community effort. Everyone is welcome. Some things will have price attached, but we try to make concessions so all can join. Also very low and no cost "Fun-raisers". If you have ideas please come to us!

**Principal's Update:** Please attend PTA events. Super exciting year for us. Reaching our maturity at school. As a school we work closely with the PTA to offer a world class school. Please attend Family Days. Good way to be in the classroom and involved with your your children. We will offer parenting workshops to talk about ongoing issues. In house and outside experts. Breakfast with Maggie monthly. Curriculum events with specialists and teachers.

**Co-Treasurer's Report:** Ended year with surplus. Cut check for approx \$100k to school in July for staffing. About \$97k in cash now which is about where we were last year. The budget for this year is \$633k. School funding request is the biggest number - supplies, staff,

professional development, etc. A well funded PTA helps Maggie make staffing decisions. Giving her money in July is important so she can make those decisions. We must carry a surplus every year to be able to do that. Of the \$97k in cash, \$60k is in reserve. Distributed latest TD statement. Look for another budget presentation in November please attend.

**Bridge The Gap:** \$120k made last year; budget was about \$90k. Explanation of what BTG is. We have online option \$100 / month. Total budget for BTG is \$500, last year only spent \$200. Huge ROI. Back pack checks or put in BTG box. Also corporate matching. Last year made about \$20k. The ask is \$1200 per child. We pay for: music, workshops, staff, professional development, supplies, specialists come into school to help create programs and augment every student. Had to up the ask, our school getting bigger, about \$100k for an additional staff member. The ask is not mandatory in any way. Please give what you can. Corporate Matching: Many companies have a window (usually Nov) where they double the amount. Please check with your companies. We are re-looking at Amazon Smile and Affiliate. The advertising gets sticky. We do have Amazon Smile and we can send out that link.

**Taste of The Seaport, Saturday/Oct 21st:** Kate Krause, Maria Ho Burge, Katie Roumel: Originally started by Spruce parents to draw attention after Hurricane Sandy, they asked us to partner. It is it's own separate 501c3. All funds raised are split evenly between Spruce and Peck. 40-50 restaurants will participate. Raise between 50-80K target. About 300 volunteer spots between the 2 schools.

**Community Announcement:** Support Peck Slip Park, Monday/Sept. 25th at 6:30p – South Bridge Tower Community Room, 90 Beekman St.: 15 years ago, Peck Slip Park had been designed to become a park. A lot of people concerned because designed as dense park with minimal play space, and we all know we have limited space for kids to just play. The community board halted the process and decided to have a meeting. If you can stop by please do.

**New Members at Large:** We have 2 seats on EB we reserve for new families every year. Your child or children can be any grade. Requirements - EB meeting 1x per month, and a general meeting 1x a month. And must chair one committee. Does not need to be overwhelming, we can ease you in. In addition, as discussed in June's General Meeting, we are excited to be adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> Co-VP position.

**Call for Election Candidates:** Katie Roumel: Anyone interested? Nominations? Peter Ferrazza, Rosa Chang, Dee Poku Spalding and Melissa Silverwood self nominated. All made very brief personal statements.

Break to Vote & Volunteer Sign-Up

Meeting Finalized - 9:37am

## Peck Slip School Committees:

Peck Slip Spring Auction

Welcoming Committee

Taste of the Seaport

Teacher Appreciation Day

Corporate Fundraising Committee

Peck Slip Movie Nights

Bridge The Gap

Read-A-Thon / Summer Math

School Store

Community Service Committee:

Book Fair (Fall/Spring)

Clothing Drive/Toy Drive/Clothing Drive

Fall Mixer

Community Crawl

Variety Show

Charity Buzz

Holiday Tree-Lighting Stall

Glow-in-the-Dark Party

Local Business Liaisons

Graduating Class Gift

Social Media / Website

Parents vs. Teachers Sports and Sport-  
ing Event Night

Class Parent Liaison

March Madness Sports Bracket

End of Year, Back to School and Spring

Block Party

Professional Skills Needed:

Graphic Designer, CPA, Computer Skills, Photographer, Videographer