Meeting of the General Membership  
Meeting via Zoom on February 23, 2021

1. President’s Report: Jung Min Lee  
   a. Everyone share how they are feeling tonight in the chat  
      i. We’re coming up to a year since school shut down, a sad milestone  
      ii. She’s proud of how well Lab did during the shutdown  
      iii. She’s also glad the Lab parent event was able to take place last year 3 days before the shutdown  
   b. She feels good that our PA is supporting our kids and our school  
   c. She thanked everyone for their participation and enthusiasm  

2. Principal’s Report: Brooke Jackson  
   a. Thanked Jung Min for modeling vulnerability  
   b. Everyone wants to know when we are coming back to school  
      i. Murmurs in DOE that high schools will follow middle schools, so perhaps after spring break  
      ii. Chancellor is insisting that only families who are already signed up as coming in will be allowed to (70% of HS students are 100% remote, so it would be a small group of students who actually come in)  
      iii. Roundtables were great, thank you  
      iv. Teachers’ accommodations last until June  
      v. Principals are being asked to plan for a more robust return in September  
         1. They are being asked to still plan for a remote thread because of the number of students allowed in the building at one time  
         2. Also, there may be families who aren’t ready to send their kids back in person  
      vi. Summer will be for the buildings to upgrade  
      vii. Remote Parent Teacher Conferences will be March 18th and 19th, the feedback from last time was very good  
      viii. We’re looking forward to World Majority Day on March 11th, it will be a day of celebration where we amplify the voices of black, brown and Asian students  
      ix. She will speak at the March 16th PA meeting about her commitment to social emotional learning and deep learning, and her commitment to equity and anti-racism  

3. Student Report: Fallon Utley  
   a. We were able to do the candy grams, it was not a fundraiser, she heard they were good  
   b. They are working on a healthcare worker video  
   c. There is a logo contest going on now  
   d. El Ro did a fun trivia night, Lab may do one as well, a Lab trivia night  
   e. The handing out of robes went smoothly, whoever is planning to take pictures has them  

4. SLT Report: Jung Min said that since Alan Cashdollar is traveling, the parents in charge of the various SLT committees will speak
a. Parent Racial Equity Team: Anja
   i. They are focused on action and discussion
   ii. Everyone is invited this Friday at 5:30pm to discuss the book that was read over the summer

b. Health & Wellness Committee: Jung Min spoke for Sarah Danenberg
   i. Topics of discussion include nutrition, sleep, exercise
   ii. Committees of SLT trying to bring together students, teachers and parents
   iii. Brooke said she is very happy about the community coming together as one Lab school

c. Volunteerism: Pam
   i. The coat drive was a success
   ii. Working on messages for health care workers, to show our appreciation
   iii. May have a sock drive for the homeless
   iv. Another idea is a sports related activity

5. Treasurer’s Report: Jill Bregenzer
   a. $12,000 was collected in January for Direct Appeal
   b. Year to date is just under $54,000 for the school year, so way ahead of the game since we’ve only paid out $12,000 of expenses by the end of January

6. Committee Reports:
   a. Membership: Nothing to report, so Jung Min mentioned she’s noticed a button during her son’s HS search where you can join a PA meeting and Brooke said she never thought of that, will defer to all of us about that
   b. Fundraising: Lucy said there had been a discussion of a spring auction event, but it looks like we decided not to do it, there’s no large financial need we need to cover
   c. Merchandise: Lisa and Debbie
      i. Some new items, like nice masks, sweatpants and hoodies, look at the link from the last email
      ii. Discussion that getting t-shirts for World Majority Day is in the works and Debbie thinks the turnaround should be quick
   d. Nominations Committee: Lisa Strassberg, Debbie Fuchs and Matthew Chook have already shown interest in being on the committee
      i. Matthew added that anyone who wants to join should reach out to them, he will put his email address in the chat, Lisa and Debbie added theirs as well
      ii. If you want to run for a position, you can not be on the nominating committee
      iii. They will hold an info session in the near future
      iv. Nominations start after this meeting and run through the May meeting, people can be added at the May meeting
      v. Nominations will close at the end of the May meeting
      vi. Voting will take place at the June meeting
      vii. The nominating committee members will join all the various Lab Zooms to reach out to many different parent members

7. Old Business:

Questions, ideas, or suggestions, email us:  
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Jill Bregenzer (LABHTreasurer@gmail.com)  
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a. Parent Support Group: Jung Min said it will now be only parents
b. Parent Career Speakers: Souad
   i. There is a speaker every first Tuesday of the month
   ii. Michelle Graham was the last speaker, Michelle had reported back that it was fun and there were good questions and answers
   iii. Lisa Fisher said her husband is the next speaker next week, he’s a partner with KPMG
c. Book & Materials Delivery: Lisa F said it is moving along, they will make deliveries

8. Tonight’s Featured Speaker was Dr. Diana Martinez, Professor of Psychiatry at Columbia University Medical Center