

**1/15/24**

**PTA Community Mtg Minutes**

**Principal's Update, Ms. Joanna**

- Currently students are all learning about identities, which fosters knowing each other, building a sense of community and belonging
- During Family Mornings parents and students make identity webs and paper chains together with messages of kindness which will be hung around the school
- 5th Grade is having a bake sale and selling kindness bracelets and pins
- First Parent Workshop was this month on the topic of how kids learn K-2nd math
- Planning other workshops later in the year focused on writing, talking to kids about race, digital citizenship, and "The Talk".
- On Jan 31st first report cards go out via NYC schools account; refer to the Wednesday Weekly for more details; parent teacher conferences will be held in early March and are not connected to report cards going out
- Cafeteria beautification - 6 new cafeteria tables have been procured
- Playground renovation project - won participatory budgeting to resurface playground
- Building facade work - Scaffolding needs to be put up again in roughly 15 months from now and will be up for at least 1 year; this was done before 2018-2020 but the job was not done properly and has to be redone; playground will be delayed

**Guest Speaker, Assembly Member Robert Carroll**

- Governor just released new budget for education; funding our schools must be a #1 priority 60-65% of budget is funded by city, the remainder is at the state level
- Budget deficits at both city and state levels; must prioritize education
- School system is currently under Mayoral control which is up for vote at state level that it continue to be or put under elected school boards at state level

**Parent Coordinator update, Nadia**

- NYCSA account needs to be set up in order to review report cards
- Surveys will be going out in February
- See Wednesday Weekly for more information

**Afterschool update, Pamela**

- Wrapping up mini lottery this week; links available in Konstella (put anything in notes section you want to communicate); results will be sent out by end of next week
- Any programs you want to keep, no need to do anything.
- Most programs held outside still go on irrespective of weather - dress children warmly with gloves, hats appropriate footwear; all kids typically go outside to big yard
- If someone else is picking up your child, they must be registered in 6crickets

**New PTA Board member vote, Cynthia**

- Vote held and approved to elect new co-treasurer, Grace Edinger

### **Treasurer update, Ayca**

- Tracking well against budget
- Will be submitting interim budget report end of January
- New Insurance policy will save \$2K per year
- Reimbursement checks from PTA may have been delayed around holidays (lost mail) and will be resent

### **Annual Fund, Nisha**

- \$115K of \$220K goal; behind where we were last year
- Check with your employer for corporate match opportunity
- Donate on konstella, via check, or at donatestock.com
  - <https://www.konstella.com/signin.html?redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.konstella.com%2Fapp%2Fschool%2F55d376b0e4b09f8eb94b3eeb%2Fdonations%2F64aee66a47fc80b417ec1ad3>

### **DEI update, Christine**

- Reposting DEI Instagram page - @DEI\_at\_PS107
- Will be sending school survey to learn more about identities of PS107 families
- Enhance diversity of books in library and classrooms (diverse main characters and cultural backgrounds). Will be fundraising, potentially with PowerHouse
- Black History Celebration Committee is lead by Tres Johnson
  - Hosting events throughout month of Feb and throughout the year
  - Decorations, posters, giveaways, bookshare / book fair, readings
  - Spirit Days throughout the month
  - Empowerment through art
  - Weekly newsletters for families
  - Double dutch and dance show
  - Contact Tres Johnson if you'd like to get involved: [ejohnson@brooklynprephs.org](mailto:ejohnson@brooklynprephs.org)

### **Green Committee update, Kajal**

- Climate Day approaching, working on events
- Continuing with using as little plastic as possible for events, e.g. reusable table cloths and cutlery
- Will be running recycling day for hard to recycle items (any brand of oral care, squeeze pouches, anything Burt's Bees)

### **Events update, Audrey**

- Heritage Day is This Saturday 12-4, lead by Bradley Allen
  - 18 countries will be represented
  - Need few volunteers for day of - see Konstella
- Spring Auction
  - Need volunteers for solicitation of donations, reaching out to businesses for donations; or if you know someone who could make a contribution
  - Contact [Audrey@ps107.org](mailto:Audrey@ps107.org)
- Summer Camp Auction
  - Live Feb 5th-10th
  - Featuring 25 camps

### **Volunteer opportunities**

- Teacher Appreciation week May 6-10 with pot luck at end of week
- Big Yard games in June
- Social Media coordinator

**Next PTA Community Meeting will be Tuesday, Feb 15 at 9am**