

PS107 PTA Meeting: January 19, 2023 at 6:30pm via Zoom

Recording Secretary: Farrah Sanders (secretary@ps107.org)

- **Welcome: Davina Benaderet/Cynthia Thaler**
 - Cynthia welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by introducing special guest Assemblymember Robert Carroll.
- **Address from Assemblymember Robert Carroll**
 - The Assemblymember shared news of a \$50k grant for PS 107 to implement a new reading curriculum.
- **Principal's Address: Principal Joanna Cohen**
 - Principal Joanna shared further details about the new reading program, including background research, and steps for implementation with teachers. Answered questions from a few members.
- **Parent Coordinator Update: Nadia Benlarbi**
 - Reminders that report cards are coming out on Jan 30. Please sign up for your NYSCA Schools account to view your child's grades.
 - Two Parent Workshops coming up next month; details will be sent via Konstella
 - A reminder about the Lost and Found
- **Afterschool Update: Pamela Rosenberg**
 - Pamela was unable to join the meeting; no Afterschool update.
- **PTA Treasurer Vote: Ayça Aksu**
 - Cynthia introduced Ayça as a candidate for the Co-Treasurer position left open after Delfina Simon stepped down in November 2022. A vote was called and Ayca passed unanimously. Ayça joins Nadine Goellner as Co-Treasurer on the Executive Board of the PTA.
 - A note: Delfina Simon (outgoing Co-Treasurer) will be removed as authorized signatories on the Chase bank account for the PTA. Ayça Aksu (incoming Co-Treasurer) will be given access to the online Chase bank account. Nadine Goellner (remaining as Co-Treasurer) will maintain access to the online Chase bank account.
- **Treasurer Update: Nadine Goellner**
 - Nadine shared the Interim Financial Report that the PTA put forward for submitting to the DOE by the Jan 31 deadline.
- **Annual Fund Update: Diana Gatschet**
 - Diana shared an update on the Annual Fund that we are about 60% of the way toward our \$220k goal for the year.
- **Community Outreach Update - Brittany Manley/Sarah Foster**
 - Sarah thanked parents for the continued support of community outreach initiatives for the recent migrant families that have joined our neighborhoods. There will be regular Wednesday food drives for CHiPS and other opportunities coming up that will be shared on Konstella.
- **Committee Updates**
 - **Green and Healthy Committee: Kajal Below**
 - The Green and Healthy committee is looking to restart this spring and is looking for volunteers.
 - **AAPI- Lunar New Year: Sowoon Song**
 - The AAPI Committee has put together a packet of information for the Lunar New Year that will go home with every student at PS 107!

- **STEM: Billion Oyster Project: Janine Lettieri**
 - The Billion Oyster Project has begun training and groundwork and will see lots of developments with the students in the coming weeks.
- **Current and Upcoming Events**
 - **Valentines Day Candy:** Mike Lew reminds everyone of the See's Candy Fundraiser.
 - **Auction/Gala Committee:** Christine Canedo and Alyse Dosik let everyone know to save the date for the April 28 PS 107 Auction and Gala. There was a general call for auction items and interested parents who would like to help with planning.
- **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities** - A general call for volunteers was made for the following school events / activities:
 - Time with Teacher Auction
 - Edukit
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Big Yard Games
 - Big Yard Beautification
 - Math Magic
- **Other 2023 Events** - Cynthia shared a reminder about some of the upcoming PS 107 community building and fundraising events at the school for the remainder for the year:
 - Read-A-Thon, STEM Day, Heritage Day, Gala/Auction, Art Day, Movie Night, Spring Fling
- **The following PTA board position elections were announced:** Co-President, Co-Treasurer, Co-Community Outreach, Annual Fund. These positions will be open for the 2023-24 school year and elections will be held in May. Cynthia encouraged members to join and talk to current board members if interested.
- **Questions** - There were no additional questions from members.
- **Next Meeting-** Thursday, February 16th, 6:30pm was announced as the next PTA meeting for all members.
- **Thank you and meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.**