

2/15/24

PTA Community Mtg Minutes

Principal's update, Ms. Joanna

- Remote learning is not decision of PS107; it is mandated by DOE
- Great celebrations underway for Black History Month
- AAPI group- thank you for celebration activities for Lunar New Year
- PS 107 will be hosting two visits in March with the Heads of literacy for Mississippi and Pennsylvania to see how PS107 is implementing new reading curriculum.
- Will also be hosting other teachers from throughout district 15

Parent Coordinator update, Nadia

- Workshops to be held in March
 - March 1st at 8:45am - Sarah Green supporting child's self esteem
 - March 21st 8:45am - Parent tech talk - supporting kids in digital world
- Early bird program is at capacity; contact Nadia if you need a drop in and availability will be assessed
- Surveys have come out - sent home and available online; there will be an icecream party prize for classes with 95% participation rate

Treasurer update, Ayca,

- End of January filed interim financial report
- Tracking well against budget
- Grace is our new co-treasurer; if you reach out by email, please cc both Ayca and Grace

Annual Fund, Nisha

- Matching gift was a success
- Raised \$8K this month
- \$132K reached; 63% of \$210K goal
- This year more than ever funds are needed to supplement lack of DOE funding for essential services

DEI committee, Christine

- Effort to get books and reading with diverse characters into all classrooms
 - Have created a list from which teachers will select diverse books
- Fundraiser being planned at Powerhouse Books to support this effort
- Will have a DEI focused week during read a thon (e.g. bingo card game)

AAPI, Yumi & Sowoon

- For Lunar New Year, AAPI kids created beautiful artwork booklets - 520 for entire school
- Students also created big, beautiful dragon art
- 70 tickets sold for AAPI luncheon
- May is AAPI Month - want all Asian heritages to be represented throughout school
- Next get together is March 1st after drop off at Pasta Louise

Afterschool update, Kelly Durkin

- Any kids who have outdoor programs or like to spend time outside, please dress warmly (incl gloves, hats)
- Anyone picking up a child from afterschool must be listed in your 6crickets account - easy to add
- Will soon not allow pokemon cards due to too many conflicts
- Any open program availability will be shared after February break
- Afterschool Shamrock run to be held Sunday March 10th - watch out for email this week

Green committee, Kajal

- Always need volunteers, specific asks coming up
- STEM Day - need someone who can work with Beyond Plastics and other group to support that day
- Another collection to be held in April and June for recycling of hard items (oral care, pouches)
- Would like to do another park event in spring, will need volunteers to help coordinate

Special Education update, Ginny

- Drive on Feb 29th - collecting gently used sensory tools (fidget toys, wobble seats, etc)
- Sensory room on STEM day
- Next meeting Wed March 13th 1pm

Read-a-thon, Evan Appleby

- March 1st-22nd; will be a bit different from last year
 - More personalized - kids will set their own personal reading goal and if completed get their own prize (eg. goodies ice cream)
- One week will be focused on DEI books
- Send as many emails as you can thru app to friends and family, i.e. to grandparents, extended family and friends

Spring Auction, Alyse

- Fri April 12th 7-12pm at Roulette
- Tickets on sale now - <https://ps107.schoolauction.net/auction2024/homepages/show>
- Silent auction to be held online the week of
- Time with teacher raffle
- Curated in person items + live auction
- Dj and Dancing
- Karaoke with The Occasionalists
- Open bar, tequila and whiskey

Next PTA community meeting Thurs March 21 6:30pm