

**3/21/24**

## **Community Mtg Minutes**

### **Principal's update, Ms. Joanna**

- Celebrating Women's History Month throughout March
- Ms. Barnes and 4th grade students participated in District 15 Project-based Learning Fair, asking the question "what form of clean energy would work well for NYC". Students built and tested small solar panels, a hydro-electric system and wind system to measure efficiencies.
- Making strides with implementation of our new curriculum - seeing significant improvements in writing particularly; PS 107 has been hosting visitors from other NYC schools .
- In May PS 107 will be hosting education leaders from Mississippi and Pennsylvania to observe our new reading curriculum in action
- Budget Crunch
  - Facing difficult budget year for 2024-2025; always operate at a deficit going into school year and next year will be particularly challenging with budget cuts and covid funds ending
  - Your gift to the PTA is more important than ever for basic school needs + things like art and science teachers and residencies
  - Covid funds are ending for our school counselor, Ms Colleen. Please see notice via Konstella for writing campaign to keep her.

### **Parent Coordinator update, Ms. Nadia**

- Residencies
  - Last week was final performances with BAX for 1st and 2nd graders
  - Third grade residency will be April 9th
  - Fifth grade talent show residency
- Check in with Nadia ahead of time if you plan to come into the school for any reason
- Summer Rising application deadline is Monday, March 25th (application process is via myschools)
- School Surveys due April 5th. Please fill out the survey as it helps to understand where we can improve. Classes with 90% participation will receive an ice cream party; currently around 38% completion rate

### **Afterschool update, Kelly**

- Shamrock Run past Saturday was very fun and raised \$3,800 for after school
- Reminder please let Pamela know if you need to pick up your child during their program time so they can be held back from that days program rather than disturb the class
- Make sure anyone picking up your child is registered in 6crickets
- Dress for the weather

### **Treasurer update, Ayca**

- STEM Day expenses below \$1,000 and made \$500 in donations (compared to \$1,500 budget)

### **Annual Fund update, Nisha**

- Big thank you to all who have donated!
- Currently at \$136K, 65% to goal; behind last year
- Every dollar matters, especially given greater budget shortfalls
- Ways to give
  - One time or monthly donation via Konstella, or check to PS 107 PTA to Nadia
  - Stock Donations via donatestock
  - Check with your employer about matching gifts
  - <https://www.konstella.com/app/school/55d376b0e4b09f8eb94b3eeb/donations/64aee66a47fc80b417ec1ad3>

### **DEI cmte update, Christine**

- Involved in read-a-thon this year to encourage kids to read books with characters from diverse backgrounds
- Friday is last day of Powerhouse Books fundraiser - 20% proceeds go to purchasing new diverse books for the school

### **Community Outreach, Emily**

- Ongoing Wednesday morning food collection for CHiPs
- Looking for committee co-chair and volunteers
- April 28th is Brooklyn Half Marathon; 25 volunteers will earn \$2,500 for the committee
- Fifth graders making sandwiches on Thursdays - need parent helpers

## **Green update, Gemma**

- Save hard to recycle items for terracycle collection throughout the month of April
- Non-donatable baby clothes (rips, stains) will be collected for recycling
- Talk to your kids about separating trash and recycling at school
- Park clean up planning underway for April

## **Events, Mike & Gemma**

- Thank you to Evan Appleby for running this year's read-a-thon
- Piloting math-a-thon for 5th graders
- Thank you to everyone who participated in STEM Day
- Spring Gala and Auction coming up April 12th, 7pm
  - Tickets close to sold out
  - Gala features silent and live auctions, food, open bar, karaoke, dancing
  - April 1st-5th holding "Time with Teacher" raffles (special outings for kids with teachers)
  - Online auction opens 5pm April 5th
  - Taking donations for gift baskets
- Parent's Nights Out at Dram Shop Bar, 7pm
  - March 26th Pre-K and K
  - April 9th 1st and 2nd grade
  - May 9th 3rd and 4th grade
  - May 21st 5th grade
- Brooklyn Cyclones tickets on sale now for May 5th game; \$8 per ticket goes to PTA
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 6-10th with potluck Friday 10th
- Movie night May 10th
- Art Day, May 18th, lead by Spring Hofeldt
  - Planning cmte first meeting held last week with good attendance
  - Call for workshop leaders coming soon including for performance and experiential workshops
  - Mystical theatre workshop planning underway
  - Would like to find a dance workshop leader, reach out to Spring Hofeldt
  - Working with Community Outreach cmte; inviting PS 124 to attend

- Booksale will be held this day also to benefit Community Outreach
- If any cmte would like to run food and beverage to raise money, please reach out to Spring