

PTA Meeting 09/23/2021

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Assemlblymember Robert Caroll: Assembly District 44

- Offering support with DOE and City Hall.
- Welcome to his office: 416 7th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215
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Joanna Cohen:

- Thanks for supporting with Operoo

Updates:

- Arrival is going smoothly.
- Congestion is dissipating out front of the building.
- School lunch- The Hot Express Menu.
- Recess supplies: Balls, etc. for activity at recess. Warned about appropriate play.

Covid updates:

- City testing from every other week to every week.
- City quarantine policy: With a positive classroom case, any contact +3 ft away and masked will avoid quarantine: (In the case of indoor lunch, contact tracing will be performed via seating chart)
- Thanks for donations to the PTA!: Arts Residencies will be in person with residents vaccinated. Two teachers are funded by the PTA.

Parent Coordinator Update:

- At drop off, no need to line up for class. Join the common line. Please don't crowd the entrance.
- Remember to hand over your child their backpack.
- NYC Schools accounts. If you haven't been able to gain access to your child's NYC account, don't panic. Info is still being generated. This is being updated.
- Thanks to adults coming into the building for their proof of vaccination.

Q: Plan for remote schooling if it should happen?

A: Asynchronous assignments will commence. No live instruction.

Q: The situation room and a lack of communication.

A: Due to reduced hours, outside hours means a lag. However, 107 will communicate all close contacts.

Q: Which side of the door should people line up on?

A: Line up on both sides (Update will come from Parent coordinator)

Q: Will asynchronous lessons be available for quarantining individuals?

A: TBD, likely yes. A schedule of classes will be circulated next week during curriculum night.

Q: Can HEPA filters be bought by the PTA?

A: Perhaps, but would need to coordinate with our sister school, 169.

Q: Will a symptomatic child be marked absent after a negative test?

A: It will be quoted as a covid related absence, but not penalized.

Annual Fund Update

- Diana Gatschet: Overview of the goal of the Annual fund: To supplement DOE funds to support our school.

- Goal of \$200K
- 100% participation. No gift is too small.
- Over \$23K has been raised so far.
- Donate through Konstellia. One time gift or monthly gift options are available.
- Corporate matching is an option. *Nearly 30k was raised last year though corporate matching.*
- Diana@ps107.org for questions.

Afterschool Update

- A separate non-profit that is funded by 107.
- Kindergarteners will be allowed to stay in the building and not have to transfer from inside, to outside, to inside. *An afterschool staff member will move into a K room earlier to supervise kids until friends join. This should smooth the transition.*
- Bridge care included in your class sign up.
- 40 staff in the building will be helping with Afterschool.
- Scholarships available.

Community Outreach Updates

- Partnership with a sister school, PS169
- Goal to continue to support PS169 through drives for supplies.
- Will be seeking volunteers.
- Grow the relationship between the schools and our communities that goes beyond simple donations.
- Get kids involve more and less transnational donations.
- Present ourselves as a school of service. From our school, sister school to the park and greater citywide community.
- How to make it more present in our kids' lives.
- Watch for events and donations drives.
- All ideas welcome.

Fall Festival- 10/23

- It will be renamed Fall festival Light or “Unplugged”.
- Please volunteer- email jennifer@ps107.org
- Looking for creative ideas to make this as magical with new distancing guidelines.
- Looking to leverage 14th street and the big yard.

Movie Night- 10/15- Outdoor for families (Guardians mandatory)

- Tickets will go on sale around 10/1.
- Lookingto offer pizza and some food.
- Hope to distance 200 people.
- davina@ps107.org for questions or ideas.
- Please volunteer.

Volunteer

- Lunch pals- Supervise lunch windows.
- Lost and Found- Deliver gear back to classrooms and host a retrieval table.
- Armory Gym- Please volunteer to support Ms. Dianne for safety reasons!** - *Dates and times will be distributed via Konstellia. (ESPECIALLY FOR FIRST AND SECOND GRADES)*
- Preferred that parents meet at the school for safety's sake and help walk kids over. At the end, help walk them back. Help bring sick kids to Nurse Kara, etc.