

**11/16/23**

**Community Mtg Minutes**

Recording secretary: Farrah Sanders

**Reminders**

- Keep clear of stairway and in front of gates when doors open at 8:20am.
- Reminder to click open the Wednesday Weekly to see the full message from Ms. Joanna and updates from the Parent Coordinator and PTA.
- When parents/caregivers are in the building with their children for book clubs (K-4) and Math Magic, please leave straight out of the building rather than escort your child to class. Mornings are too busy to accommodate caregivers in or near classrooms.

**Nicole Lovell, VP/Director Park Slope Women's Shelter**

- School families are welcome to join the Park Slope Women's Shelter for Tree lighting Dec 7th at 6pm, warm drinks to be served.
- Please reach out to Nicole with any questions about their services or to know more about their residents and needs; you can also view more info at [www.camba.org](http://www.camba.org).

**Principal update, Ms. Joanna**

- Armory: Much of the drill floor at the Armory closed for repairs; Ms. Joanna in regular contact with Y Director; still using the remaining floor for PE; safety is being continually assessed, though if necessary, Park Slope Jewish Center is potentially a back-up option.
- PS 107 designated a "No place for hate" school: designated by ADL; Goal is to educate students about impact of words and actions and to educate about and reduce microaggressions.
- Recess: New recess coach has started, Coach Todd; participation is optional; recess coach has brought structure and calm to recess time.
- Lunch: Occasionally late period lunches run out of certain items; if your child experiences this please report to Nadia so that kitchen manager can better plan.
- Dogs near school: Please do not leave your dogs tied to the fence at pick up or drop off for either school or after school.

**Council Member, Shahana Hanif**

- Prioritizing education budget; school budgets have been slashed and her office will advocate to keep schools fully funded; Per Ms. Joanna, PS 107 does not receive adequate funding from DOE for basic necessities, which PTA has to fund. Cuts will further reduce ability to provide full services.
- CM Hanif is Chair of immigration cmte. Focus on helping support migrant students with bilingual educators and resources; new shelter opening soon in Gowanus area that will need support.
- Street safety is ongoing focus.
- Mia Perez, Education Director at CM Hanif's office - [mperez@council.nyc.gov](mailto:mperez@council.nyc.gov)

### **Parent coordinator update, Nadia Benlarbi**

- Middleschool process: last week had panel of middle school parents provide info; link to discussion can be found in last Wednesday Weekly.
- Dec 8 is application deadline for middle school.
- Reach out to Nadia or Sarah Green with any questions.

### **Afterschool update, Pamela Rosenberg**

- Armory situation will impact after school track program, which was held indoors Jan-March, but the Armory will not be available this year for afterschool and so track will be outdoors. Please dress child for outdoor activities for track, Naturalist Club and outdoor programs.
- If you email Pamela with any changes to your child's schedule, include child's First and Last name and grade.
- No dogs allowed in the building or tied to the fence during afterschool hours

### **DEI Cmte, Christine Canedo-Pullan**

- Vote held and approved to elect Carolyn DEI as co-chair DEI cmte.
- Look for schoowide family survey coming soon.
- Black History Month - planning committee will be co-led by Tre Johnson and Lekan Ayanbule. Please email Tre (Mr.e.johnsoniii@gmail.com) and Lekan (Layanbule@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.
- Planning is beginning for Heritage Day next year.

### **Treasurer update, Ayca**

- Fall Festival raised \$13,300
- Stoop Crawl raised over \$10,000

### **Annual Fund, Nisha and Mike**

- Goal \$210K; raised \$50K so far
- Look out for Gift Matching coming up
- Annual Fund is a critical part of our budget. Annual fund dollars support:
  - Art, music, and science teachers
  - Supplies and curriculum materials
  - Art residencies
  - Building improvements (e.g. replacing broken cafeteria tables)
  - Professional development for teachers
  - Extra support in classrooms
  - And so much more!
- [Give now via Konstella](#), or a check made out to "PS 107 PTA," or a gift of [stock](#) and get a tax benefit.

### **Green Cmte, Kajal**

- Continuing transition to reusables for PTA events; now moving to reusable cutlery in lieu of disposable plastics
- Garden rejuvenation
- Junior Volunteer - clean up day Dec 3rd at Bandshell, volunteer needed to lead effort to sign up kids and families to help
- 4th grade class learning about energy in science with Ms. Barnes, Dec 6th climate action day

### **SPED Cmte, Ginny Wiehardt**

- Next meeting Wed, Dec 13th, 1pm
- Survey input for middle school IEP svcs can be found at:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnsf770\\_Qr49x26brn4g1fY8uQYyZ\\_lavh0irfOU2ztfRRw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnsf770_Qr49x26brn4g1fY8uQYyZ_lavh0irfOU2ztfRRw/viewform)

### **Events**

- **Volunteer challenge**
  - Many volunteer opportunities throughout the year; we encourage all families to volunteer for at least one event or activity this year. We can't make events happen without you!
- **Craft Fair, lead by Amber Fox**
  - Saturday, Dec 2nd, 12-3pm, still need volunteers and donations for raffles.
  - For Children's raffle requesting wrapped, gender neutral gift, \$20-\$30 value.
- **Holiday teacher and staff potluck, lead by Meghan Jones**
  - Wed Dec 20th
  - Need two volunteers morning and afternoon shifts; email [meghan.hartly@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.hartly@gmail.com)
- **Auction & Spring Gala, Audrey**
  - Join Zoom meeting Monday 20th at 8pm for information.
  - Biggest fundraiser of the year.
  - Donation solicitation is the biggest need.