



# FRIENDS OF MSC PARENT ASSOCIATION

## 1/11 Meeting

- Call to Order
- Approve Dec. Minutes
- Principal's Report
- President's Report
  - FOMSC Updates
  - Read-a-thon update
  - Reading Buddies
- Treasurer's Report
  - Budget (vote to amend)
  - Family Giving update
- SLT
- New Business
- Adjournment

### Principal's Report

- Kerry Powers addressing PA
- 75% attendance
- COVID kits were distributed to students and staff and will continue throughout Jan.
- If student has been in a class with a positive case, whole class will receive COVID tests will be sent home.
- Jan. 24th recess parent volunteers will start. All volunteers are outside and required to be fully vaxxed and masked.
- Percentage of students vaxxed?
- In the last two weeks, we have had more cases reported. Although there have been no super spreader classes. 4 classrooms with 1 positive case per class.
- Direct COVID questions to Tatiana. If we need to have a COVID Town Hall we can set that up if there is an interest.
- THoover@@schools.nyc.gov --- for COVID support
- Random testing is for children whose parents who have consent both vax and unvax.
- Teachers have also received N95 masks.
- Extra masks at school for kids and teachers
- COVID Town Hall is needed
  - Experts to participate

### President's Report

- Goal to make teachers as happy as possible in this environment. One of the things we were able to do is to provide a fully stocked supply closet! Everyone is thrilled and the supply closet is officially up and running.
- We are planning a catered lunch for teachers next week for staff appreciation next week.

- Recess volunteers
  - Parents back at MSC!
  - Meeting for all volunteers
  - Sign up on the website to volunteer and be a presence at school
  - Email PA or Malaka
- Swag is still up on Bonfire. Get it while its hot!
- Volunteer needed for the MSC website
- Togetherhood is adding a chess program for elementary school

#### Read-a-thon Update:

- Half the school is registered
- 32,000 min of reading thus far
- Over \$13k (net) in donations
- Goal is \$20k
- Supporters for the Read A thon are fantastic!
- [https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/manhattan-school-for-children-ps-333\\_44519](https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/manhattan-school-for-children-ps-333_44519)

#### Reading Buddies

- Check your email for information on reading buddies program
- We are excited to share that, this year, the 8th Grade Legacy Project will be participating in the After School Virtual Reading Buddies Program developed by 2020 MSC alumnus, Benjamin Epstein.
- Elementary families who are interested in having their student(s) paired with an After School Virtual Reading Buddy should email [copres@friendsofmsc.org](mailto:copres@friendsofmsc.org) by January 17.
- Please include:
  - The name of the elementary school student
  - The grade of the elementary school student
  - The name(s) and email address(es) of the elementary school student's parent(s)
- All efforts will be made to accommodate everyone but we cannot guarantee that everyone will be paired.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Budget was amended and we need to vote on the changes.
  - Expenses have been reallocated. Primarily in the supplies and water.
- \$87k pledged/raised to date
- Goal is to raise \$110k! So close!
- We can still raise money through vax incentives through folks who get their first shot.

#### SLT

- Darlene Gdasi representing
- Parents have questions about report card and decoding the information and accessing the reports.
- Please send your questions re: report cards/progress reports to Darlene directly at [Mom2Honor@gmail.com](mailto:Mom2Honor@gmail.com)

#### New Business

- RSF Day will be in early March

- Fun run and other spring events will be happening. More soon!
- All fundraising and community building events