



## February General Meeting Minutes (2022-2023)

Location: ZOOM

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

6:15PM to 7:30PM

### 1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Co-presidents Nydia Prishker and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer call meeting to order at 6:21 p.m with 59 participants (increased to 77 by the end of the meeting).
- Nydia asked if any required Spanish translations; Muna Heaven translated. Translation was requested; Muna acted as Interpreter for the meeting.
- We hoped to have a representative from the NYPD to talk regarding the random metal detector checking upon arrival on Tues 2/1, but the supervisor wasn't able to attend. If parents have questions to send, please email the [CSSptapresident@columbiasecondary.org](mailto:CSSptapresident@columbiasecondary.org),

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- The link to minutes from last month's meeting were in the Zoom chat for all those present to review.
- Co-Recording Secretary, Laurie Brown Kindred, summarized the meeting minutes.
- Motion to approve minutes from January meeting and minutes were approved. 46 members participated, majority approved.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- As of close of business January 31st there is \$72,710.63 in the PTA bank account. There are \$1,056.22 worth of pending charges.
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- As noted, in January we only raised **\$295**, but we are still **IN NEED OF \$7,329** to hit our important membership donation goal of \$23k.
- Reminder, we have IRS 501(c3) status as a public charity, so donors can deduct contributions.
- A running budget was presented, and will be included within the February minute drafts for review.
- The Interim Financial Report was presented, which is required to submit to the Chancellor's office (included within minute drafts for review)
- Please feel free to email with any questions.

### 4. Facilities Report - VP of Facilities, David Thom

- *Construction Projects Update:*
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- prevent masonry issues.
- Library will be ready to use after the Feb break.
- SCA is working on roof leaks, altho hard to get more information.
- Schoolyard completion is now expected in the fall, which could be October or November, etc.
- Boiler upgrade project was ready to bid but has now been reset for electrification; multi-year project.
- Pool declared usable but in reality seems to not be. It will remain closed for some years to come.
- Next update from SCA in March
- *Open Items:*
  - What does restart of boiler project mean? We expect a temporary boiler to show up when they start the work.
  - Is pool to be closed until renovation (years away)? It was fully funded as a \$2.2 million renovation, however SCA hasn't acknowledged as it hasn't hit the project manager
  - Why is basement cafeteria renovation still not on SCA docket? (similar to pool)
- *Shared Spaces:*
  - Since September, we've tried to figure out how Shared Spaces are determined.
  - Other schools not sufficiently providing schedules for common areas.
  - Conclusion of internal review of space usage is that CSS is only using about 25% of the gym/cafeteria/auditorium when it should be over 50%
  - Office of Campus Governance seems to have confirmed to Principal Nelson that space-sharing should in fact be based on % campus population
  - Need to reset for next year so that CSS gets the space it needs to function. Will be even more pressing with library and schoolyard return!
  - If left too late, OCG tends not to intervene as it becomes disruptive.
  - *Open Items:*
    - Can CSS draw up schedules in advance to claim its allotted share?
    - How will Library even be staffed? Supplied with books? And how does this work between the three school?
    - Yard is NYC Park space after hours; how will Parks maintain it? Book it? When it becomes the only turfed field in west Harlem, it will be in high demand, so we need to figure out how to carve space for CSS.
    - Other schools have increasing enrollment. Does CSS then lose more space?
- Any questions, please either put in chat or email.

### 5. **Principal's Report - Interim Principal Nelson**

- Next shared space meeting will be in March.
  - Has met with Office of School Governance to raise our concerns; our space plan is old and needs to be updated.
  - PN expects the other schools to come to meeting this March with a draft of space use.
- Regarding cell phones, the SLT has investigated Yondr (a possible management program), however they don't do portion service (i.e just middle school), so we would need to incorporate the entire school)
- Black History month in school celebration will be on 2/17.
- Career Day is coming up in March. We are seeking parents who may wish to participate. Please contact Arlene or Karime in the college office
- Today is Safety Internet day
- Not receiving CSS emails? Reach out to Mr. Aziz Woodson(?) if you are not receiving emails from P. Nelson or the school; P Nelson will ask that school do an email test this week to help



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families determine if they are not receiving communications from school.

- Jupiter grades updated; anticipate report cards out in next week on myschools account
- Unannounced Police Scanner this past week; the school notified night prior, a directive from the Chancellor, and Pe not allowed to opt out from an Unannounced Scanning. In moving forward, the letter regarding the DOE School Safety Unannounced Scanning policy will be included at the beginning of the year and/or on the CSS Website.
- Questions:
  - If no weapons are found, can the next Scanner be delayed? A: confirmed that there were no weapons found between CSS or KIPP; and scanning is all based on how Safety operates, so we can't determine the next schedule one.
  - More clarification on scanning procedure? A: A one scan station and one machine (bags similar to airport) for each CSS and KIPP; 3 officers at the scan machines and 2 in the hallway. PN was at the scan machines to ensure that kids were comfortable.

**6. Special Education Services in the Classroom: What does ICT at CSS look like? (By Prof Crawford and Prof Flaherty)**

- Prof Flaherty introduced herself and asked parents to participate in the interactive Peardeck presentation via link in the chat
- Prof Crawford introduced herself.
- Last month, AP Gordon introduced the services and settings that we provide at CSS for different learners (legal framework that we provide from DOE for CSS). Prof. Crawford & Prof. Flaherty will model both what co-teaching can look like (albeit virtually), and also help put some of that theory to practice!
- Questions:
  - Who benefits from an ICT class? Is it students with IEPs? Disabilities? Gifted? Or do all students benefit from the ICT class.
    - Results shared: most answered All Students and some answered Students with IEP/Disabilities.
    - Answer is ALL STUDENTS!
  - Who receives individualized instruction? Students with IEPs? Students who receive special accommodations? All students?
    - Results shared: Students with IEP/Disabilities was majority and then changed to All students
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    - Notes: students with good work habits, take advantage of having two teachers in the classroom.
  - In what ways can a second teacher be beneficial to all students? Example: Universal design (ramps for disabilities into buildings proved that not only people in wheelchairs used it, but also people with strollers, carts, etc)
    - For example, in ELA class a second teacher may provide individualized feedback for writing; all students may benefit from this second teacher
    - Responses:
      - Both teachers can tell jokes!
      - It not only supports the students, but also the other teacher. Per Prof Flaherty, allows for uninterrupted classes if one teacher gets sick.
      - More adults to interact with kids.
      - The class sizes are still to big!
      - More group work, individualized instruction, one-on-one.
- What does IEP implementation look like in the classroom?

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- Accommodations - Helps the student overcome their disability - Ex: large-print books, breaks during testing; tests read aloud; use of spell-check
    - There may be subject specific accommodations.
    - This falls under a wide umbrella (medical, disability, dyslexia, etc)
  - Modifications - Changes what is being taught/how an assessment is delivered
    - Examples: what is taught isn't changed. ICT class has the same curriculum as a regular gen-ed class. The reason why is because the state doesn't modify its standards or changes in the state testing, so we want everyone to succeed with these exams.
    - Students know when you believe they can learn.
    - There may be subject specific modifications.
  - Extended Time - EX: Student may receive time and a half, or double time on assessments
  - Related Services (push in; pull out) - EX: A SETTS provider, Speech provider, etc may support the classroom (push-in) 1-2 times per week, or the student might attend sessions with the provider during classtime (pull-out)
    - Students should be missing class as little as possible.
    - Example of 'Push-In' is when a speech pathologist comes in and provides resources for all of the students.
  - Subject Specific Modifications - EX: A student with a language-related disability might receive more, or specific, accommodations in ELA than they do in math or science
  - How to build a more inclusive community at home?
    - Accommodations do not disadvantage anyone else in the room - they create a more equitable learning opportunity for students who need it!
    - Especially with some of our younger students, it *can* be difficult to understand why one student might receive an accommodation that looks fun, etc
      - Example: headphones might not be allowed in the classroom, but one student with IEP may need headphones as an accommodation. It can be difficult to look at another student. Important not to think of it as an 'extra,' but good to think about how we can help them achieve equitably.
    - Teachers cannot share details about another student's disability or accommodations with peers, or parents
    - Scenario: Ex: How might you address the situation if your student comes home and says: *No one is allowed to wear headphones in class, but Prof. Crawford lets Erin wear noise-cancelling headphones sometimes*
  - Questions? Please email us!
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  - 7. **Special Guest Presentation: (Prof Davis & Autumn Rattray) *CONTRARIWISE*** student-led club producing an annual journal that publishes student writing and artwork; *Autumn Rattray* (Class of 2023), Editor-in-Chief
    - **What is Contrariwise?** Student-led club that produces an annual journal publishing student writing and artwork. Founded in 2014.
    - **How does it work?** Students in *Contrariwise* meet once a week to generate playful philosophical prompts, plan events, distribute calls for submissions, edit student submissions, write their own pieces, and lay out the print journal using InDesign.
    - **What are our values?** *Contrariwise* values open-mindedness, artistic creativity, curiosity, boldness to tackle big ideas, playful thinking. We aim to showcase students' talents and also help develop them.
    - Recent and Upcoming Volumes
      - **Volume 8 - Will be available in May/June**
      - **Infrequently Asked Questions:**
        - If one truly knows their worth, would they care about what other people think about them?



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- Why is Contrariwise an anagram of "writer casino", as well as "carrion is wet" and "erratic is now"?
- Can one be innocent without also being ignorant?
- **Volume 9 - Now accepting submissions!**
  - **Prompts:**
    - Design your ideal school. What does this school or school system look like?
    - You've been commissioned to write an advice manual on how to nurture and raise offspring. In your selected medium, create a set of instructions to indicate how to raise offspring.
- How to support *Contrariwise*?
  - **Encourage your student to submit** to our upcoming issue! - *deadline March 5th* (see posters; MS are eligible to participate; only HS can edit)
  - **Encourage your student to join** *Contrariwise*
    - *We especially need business-minded students who want experience producing/advertising a product*
  - **Sales** - Keep an eye out for sales at in-person CSS events this Semester - books, stickers, bookmarks
  - **Attend Contrariwise events** (Roundtables!)
  - **Stay tuned** - Pending collaboration with PTA to sell *Contrariwise* editions online
- Please feel free to ask us any questions.
  - Can MS kids get involved? A: yes when it comes to submissions, however, only HS are allowed to edit.
  - PTA will continue to brainstorm ideas of collaborating!

### 8. Fundraising

- **Valentine's Day Bake Sale** - Tuesday, February 14th! VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED!  
Links & QR codes to follow
  - Next Bake Sales:
    - March 17th - Lucky Lion Bake Sale
    - April 28th - Spring Bake Sale
    - May 12th - Teacher Appreciation Bake Sale
    - June 2nd - Last Bake Sale of the Year!
  - Students can earn up to 3 community service hours for baking for the Bake Sale!
- **Spirit Wear Sales** - was yesterday and was VERY SUCCESSFUL & another coming up in March!
  - The way we have it structured now is that you can buy online and pick up at the sale (2:30-4:30p). We are super appreciative of parents who have showed up to distribute the clothing. If you volunteer, you get a PROUD CSS PARENT tshirt!
  - We can't guarantee that we can distribute on other dates/times than this, so please keep an eye out for those emails.
  - Next dates
    - March 6th
    - April 3rd
    - May 8th
    - June 5th
- ONLINE FUNDRAISERS:
  - **Farm to People** is an online farmers market that sells locally grown and prepared foods; use code **FARMTOCSS** so that portion of sales go to CSS PTA. See CSS family email

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for details. <https://farmtopeople.com/>

- As little as one item is a subscription. You can order a la carte. Order as much or as little as you like. You can cancel at any time.
- Also participate in BOX TOPS!
- YEAR LONG FUNDRAISERS:
  - Dues Drive / Annual Appeal - under "Get Involved/Donate" on the website
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- Spring Fling is coming BACK! In-person social and online auction! How can you help?
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  - Email will be going out next week!

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Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. (77 in attendance)

### NEXT PTA MEETINGS

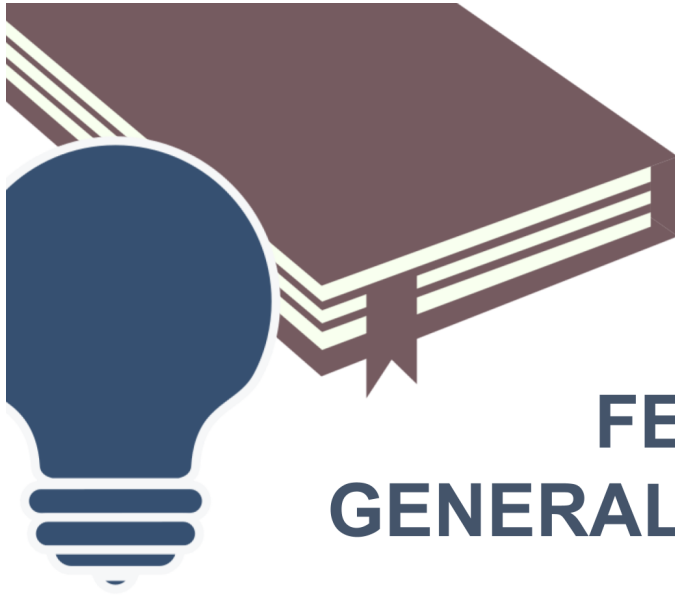
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## AGENDA

1. **Call to order & Welcome** - Leanne Gonzalez-Singer, and Nydia Prishker, Co-Presidents
2. **Approval of Minutes** - Laurie Brown Kindred, Recording Secretary
3. **Treasurer's Report** - Starr Peoples, Treasurer
4. **Facilities Report** - Dave Thom, VP of Facilities
5. **Principal's/SLT Report** - Principal Lenice Nelson
6. **Special Education Services in the Classroom** - A. Crawford & E. Flaherty
7. **Student Guest Presentation: CONTRARIWISE**
8. **Fundraising & Volunteering Updates**
9. **Announcements/New Business**
10. **Adjournment**

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## Approval of January 2023 Minutes

PTA RECORDING SECRETARY

Link to the complete minute (Also see chat for the link):



**January 2023 Minutes**



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    - Statement Balance as of 11/01 = \$60,708.42
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      - \$1097 - Grant to the Math Dept for 3-year school-wide software subscription
      - \$452 - Patches for school uniforms
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      - \$924.11 - Community Day Supplies
      - \$10,439.75 - Uniform vendor
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    - Less 4 Checks and Other Debits = \$7,114.17
      - \$1000 - Donation to the teacher's holiday party
      - \$548.28 - Robotics kits to support the CSS Robotics Club
      - \$599.47 - Grant to Science Dept for hands-on lab materials
      - \$499.45 - Uniform vendor
    - Statement Balance as of 12/31 = \$70,372.00
- Any update on cell phone policy for Middle School? Parents shared that it has been difficult for social interactions when cell phones are allowed.**
  - Dean Huttick and P Nelson will work together on a plan, on a more self regulation and self management view, rather than punitive, with hopes to report at the next PTA general meeting.
- Starting with the spring semester, ALL 7th + 8th graders will be required to attend 9th period FOUR days a week (up from 1 currently). There has been no explanation given to parents and in fact, the only communication about the policy change has come from Phoenix. Can we please discuss the reason for the change?**
  - P Nelson just met with SONYC who felt it was necessary for 7th and 8th grade students who were not taking advantage of extra academic support offered during this time period. Can email Phoenix at SONYC if you desire for your child to opt out. If your student is not enrolled in SONYC then there is no obligation to attend.
- Special Education at CSS - Assistant Principal (AP) Gordon**
  - According to NYC and federal laws, all students with disabilities who require special education services have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). The IEP contains specific information about your child's interest, strengths, needs, goals, and specially designed educational program. It is a legal document that describes how the DOE (CSS) will provide your child with a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the "Least Restrictive Environment" (LRE).
  - Special Education is a service, not a placement. It's specially designed instruction which is a modification of content, methodology/delivery of instruction, and performance criteria; and/or a related service necessary to access the general curriculum.
  - The Special Education Team:
    - Assistant Principal Tricia Gordon - Supervisor of Special Education (IEPS, 504 Plans)
    - Prof Crawford - Special Ed Team Leader
    - Prof. McDonough - High Sch. STEM
    - Prof. Patajogdog Middle Sch. Math (ICT)
    - Prof. Hewitt - High Sch. STEM
    - Prof. James Middle Sch. Math
    - Prof. Huzzy - High Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Emmanuel Middle Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Seifert High Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Kim Middle/High Sch. STEM
    - Prof. Frampton - High Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Huttick - Middle Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Martin - Middle Sch. Humanities
    - Prof. Ojola - Middle Sch. STEM
    - Prof. Sorto - Middle Sch. Humanities
  - Related Services/Paraprofessional Team at CSS who support students who need 1:1 support
    - Speech & Language - Lauren Romandetti & Ariel Persad
    - Counseling - Amanda Engelman (MS) & Elsa Cordoba (HS)
    - Paraprofessionals: Frankie Alston, Elsy Batista, Vymary Bennet, Lenita Fletcher, Andre Fredrick, Raymond Hernandez, Laquan Jackson, Joshua Jimenez, Darcelle Malloy, Faith McFadden, ~~Jislyanette~~ Nova, Marleny Reyes, Rafael Quezada, Karina Rivas
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    - o Interested in observing the SLT Meeting? Meeting is public for anyone to observe. If interested, you must email Parent Coordinator Isis Ramos the day before the meeting to receive the Zoom invitation link.
  - **Parents Social** - Come join the PTA at Harlem Tavern on Wednesday, January 18, 6:30-8:30P

9. C-30 Process Update:

- Level 1 committee formed with parents, faculty and a CU representative and took place at the end of November. Thanks to all parents who submitted interview questions for use by this committee.
- The process is now in the Level 2 hiring process of District 5. There is no parent input at this level.
- Per Chancellor's regulations the time frame is 6 months from the date position posted for the entire process.
- Process is confidential and committee members cannot reveal any information about applicants or what occurred at the meeting.

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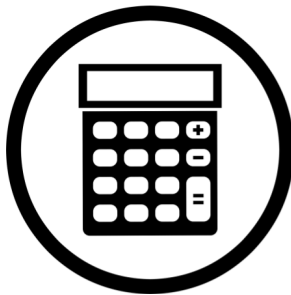
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Sincerely,

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### *Open Items:*

- What does restart of boiler project mean?
- Is pool to be closed until renovation (years away)?
- Why is basement renovation still not on SCA docket?

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## Facilities Report

Dave Thom, VP of Facilities



### *Shared Spaces:*

- Other schools not providing schedules for common areas.
- Conclusion of internal review of space usage is that CSS is only using about 25% of the gym/cafeteria/auditorium when it should be over 50%
- Office of Campus Governance seems to have confirmed to Principal Nelson that space-sharing should in fact be based on % campus population
- Need to reset for next year so that CSS gets the space it needs to function. Will be even more pressing with library and schoolyard return!
- If left too late, OCG tends not to intervene as it becomes disruptive.

### *Open Items:*

- Can CSS draw up schedules in advance to claim its allotted share?
- How will Library even be staffed? Supplied with books?
- Yard is NYC Park space after hours; how will Parks maintain it? Book it?
- Other schools increasing enrollment. Does CSS then lose more space?

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## Special Education Services in the Classroom

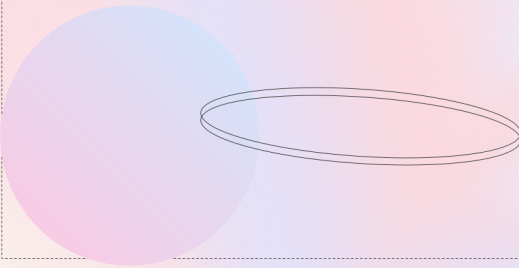
By Prof. A. Crawford & Prof. E. Flaherty



## FOLLOWUP: WHAT DOES ICT LOOK LIKE AT CSS?

Last month, AP Gordon introduced the services and settings that we provide at CSS for different learners.

Prof. Crawford & Prof. Flaherty will model both what co-teaching can look like (albeit virtually), and also help put some of that theory to practice!



## WARM-UP QUESTIONS

- Who benefits from an ICT class?



Students choose an option


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**WARM-UP QUESTIONS**


- Who receives individualized instruction?

 Students choose an option

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**WARM-UP QUESTIONS**

- In what ways can a second teacher be beneficial to ALL students? Share an idea!

 Students, write your response!

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### WHAT IEP IMPLEMENTATION MIGHT LOOK LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM

<b>Accommodations</b>	Helps the student overcome their disability - Ex: large-print books, breaks during testing; tests read aloud; use of spell-check
<b>Modifications</b>	Changes what is being taught/how an assessment is delivered
<b>Extended Time</b>	EX: Student may receive time and a half, or double time on assessments
<b>Related services (push-in, pull-out)</b>	EX: A SETTS provider, Speech provider, etc may support the classroom (push-in) 1-2 times per week, or the student might attend sessions with the provider during classtime (pull-out)
<b>Subject-specific modifications</b>	EX: A student with a language-related disability might receive more, or specific, accommodations in ELA than they do in math or science

### HOW TO BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY - AT HOME

- Accommodations do not disadvantage anyone else in the room - they create a more equitable learning opportunity for students who need it!
- Especially with some of our younger students, it *can* be difficult to understand why one student might receive an accommodation that looks fun, etc
- Teachers cannot share details about another student's disability or accommodations with peers, or parents

#### Questions / Concerns

#### What can we answer for you now?

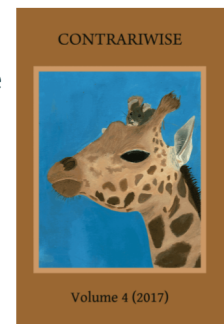




## STUDENT GUEST PRESENTATION: CONTRARIWISE

*Autumn Rattray* (Class of 2023), Editor-in-Chief  
*Prof. Lauren Davis* (ELA 11 & AP Lit), Faculty Advisor

- **What is Contrariwise?** Student-led club that produces an annual journal publishing student writing and artwork. Founded in 2014.
- **How does it work?** Students in *Contrariwise* meet once a week to generate playful philosophical prompts, plan events, distribute calls for submissions, edit student submissions, write their own pieces, and lay out the print journal using InDesign.
- **What are our values?** *Contrariwise* values open-mindedness, artistic creativity, curiosity, boldness to tackle big ideas, playful thinking. We aim to showcase students' talents and also help develop them.



## Recent & Upcoming Volumes



- **Volume 8 - Will be available in May/June**

### Infrequently Asked Questions:

- If one truly knows their worth, would they care about what other people think about them?
- Why is *Contrariwise* an anagram of "writer casino", as well as "carrion is wet" and "erratic is now"?
- Can one be innocent without also being ignorant?

- **Volume 9 - Now accepting submissions!**

### Prompts:

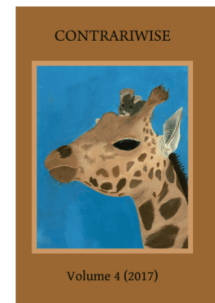
1. Design your ideal school. What does this school or school system look like?
2. You've been commissioned to write an advice manual on how to nurture and raise offspring. In your selected medium, create a set of instructions to indicate how to raise offspring.

Cover art by 11th grader *Thahera Rahman!*



## How to support Contrariwise!

- **Encourage your student to submit to our upcoming issue!** - *deadline March 5th*
- **Encourage your student to join Contrariwise**
  - *We especially need business-minded students who want experience producing/advertising a product*
- **Sales** - Keep an eye out for sales at in-person CSS events this Semester - books, stickers, bookmarks
- **Attend Contrariwise events** (Roundtables!)
- **Stay tuned** - Pending collaboration with PTA to sell Contrariwise editions online



Thank you so much! **Any questions?**

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE



### PTA Fundraising Events

#### **BAKE SALE**

Valentine's Day Bake Sale- February 14th (Tuesday) – Donations needed

#### **SPIRIT WEAR SALES**

Spirit Wear Sale was yesterday and another one is coming up in March - *Look for the date in your CSS email!*

### ONLINE FUNDRAISING

#### **FARM TO PEOPLE:**

<https://farmtopeople.com/>

Fundraising Code: FARMTOCSS

*Anytime, all year!*

**Dues Drive/Annual Appeal**  
*under Get Involved/Donate on the website*



# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:



**VP OF FUNDRAISING** - Can be mostly remote!  
Please email [cssptapresident@columbiasecondary.org](mailto:cssptapresident@columbiasecondary.org) if interested

**Valentine's Day BAKE SALE!**  
Tuesday, February 14th  
Use the QR code to the right to sign-up to volunteer,  
or click on the link shared in the chat

**SPRING FLING:**  
If have ideas for donation items email:  
Nancy Fiaschetti at: [lfiaschetti2023\\_family@columbiasecondary.org](mailto:lfiaschetti2023_family@columbiasecondary.org)

If you know of a great venue for an event email:  
Laurie Kindred at: [brownkindred@gmail.com](mailto:brownkindred@gmail.com)



**CEC5**  
Get involved!  
Next General meeting:  
February 15, 2023  
  
Want to run for a CEC? Email  
[Elections2023@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Elections2023@schools.nyc.gov)

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# VOLUNTEERING: WE NEED YOU!



## Why Volunteer?

- Raises money for the school
- Allows us to continue CSS traditions; without volunteers these events are at risk
- Builds community
- Meet other parents
- Your children appreciate it
- Low level commitment (an hour really makes a difference)
- IT'S FUN!

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Fill out the Volunteer interest form at: <https://forms.gle/EoCNq8xcwvLaSZDj6> and watch for signups  
from the PTA



## Announcements

<b>Bake Sale</b>	<b>Spirit Wear Sale</b>
Feb 14 - Valentine's Day bake sale 🍷 (Tuesday to fit the holiday)	Feb 6
March 17 - Lucky Lion Bake Sale 🍀	March 6
April 28 - Spring Bake Sale 🌸	April 3
May 12-Teacher Appreciation Bake Sale 🍎	May 8
June 2 - Last Bake Sale of the year! 🎉	June 5



# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR SY 2022-2023

March 14, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

April 18, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

**May 16, 2023 8:30-9:30 A.M.**

June 13, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

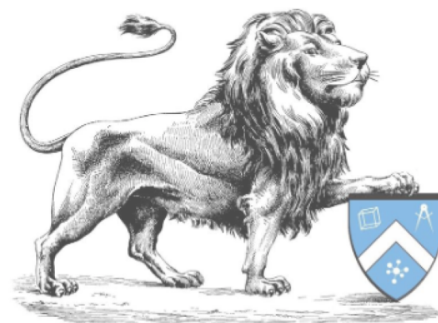


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## WORDS OF INSPIRATION

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**

NELSON MANDELA



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