



January General Meeting Minutes (2022-2023)

Location: ZOOM

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

6:15PM to 7:30PM

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Co-presidents Nydia Prishker and Leanne Gonzalez-Singer call meeting to order at 6:18 p.m with 46 participants (increased to 65 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. (there were technical difficulties with Zoom connection, so we had to pause the meeting)

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 December meeting and minutes were approved. 46 members participated, majority approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

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4. Principal Report & SLT

- Happy New Year!
- On behalf of the faculty, want to thank the PTA for supporting the holiday party, as well as for the Holiday Gift Bags (esp the new staff weren't expecting anything, some
- Special Project Meeting- January 9- updates on status of School Yard, Library, Scaffolding, Boiler/Pool
 - School Yard has been making progress, and anticipating opening to be Oct/Nov of 2023
 - Library is finished, waiting for furniture. Since delivery company can only deliver during school hours, it will be scheduled over Mid-winter Break. P. Nelso describes the library as a "digital library" with access to computers and to be staffed by school tech support team; there will be no books.
 - Scaffolding - no update, will remain up for some time.
 - Boiler - moving to electric system, will go back to design; more details will be provided from School Construction Authority (SCA)
 - Pool issues related to leaks and also to boiler; it is under a \$2.2 M reconstruction project with SCA but timeline is unclear
- Midterm/Regents Week- 1/24-27, No school on Monday, January 31-Chancellor's Professional Development day
 - Great time for teachers to get mid-year assessment
 - Many students who have to take Mid Regents
- Musical is back- **Heathers**- date is forthcoming
 - Students have been submitting form if they'd like to participate (on or off stage)
 - Prof Skilduff from 7th grade is leading the project
- Mr. John Auerbach (Philosophy/Latin) is on medical leave-we are seeking qualified candidates for interim
 - If you know of anyone, please forward candidates.
- Ms. Andi Velasquez, College Counselor is on leave and will be back in late Spring. Ms. Karime Robles is working in the role and will be meeting with the ninth and tenth grade students, beginning the college and career planning process
 - Credentials listed in recent emails to the grades affected.
- Mr. Huttick is the new Dean, ryanhuttick@columbiasecondary.org
 - Will give a shout out shortly
 - Prof Huttick still co-teaching with Prof Reilly in 7th grade sections but will soon have a new special education teacher to fill his space
- Athletics will be led by Harold Delucia & Natescha Workman
- SLT Meeting is 1/19/23-virtual
 - Info shared here, will be shared there
- Reminder: We are back to full uniform
 - Although in the winter months, please ask for students to be in full uniform.
- Parent Qs:



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- 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.
- 5. 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. Padayogdog 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. Gjikola - 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, Elssy Batista, Vylmary Bennet, Lenita Fletcher, Andre Fredrick, Raymond Hernandez, Laquan Jackson, Joshua Jimenez, Darcelle Malloy, Faith McFadden, Kislyannette Nova, Marleny Reyes, Rafael Quezada, Karina Rivas
 - Sometimes support groups of students or one on one with students.

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- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) at CSS
 - A 12:1 ratio offered in middle school with one full-time special education teacher
 - Also have Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) in middle and high schools which enables students with disabilities to be educated with General Education students
 - You can access your child's IEP by visiting the IEP tab of your NYC Schools Account (NYCSA). Here you will find a summary of IEP recommendations, along with information about how to support your child, and where and when your child is receiving recommended special education programs and related services. For more information about NYSCA, visit [NYC Schools Account\(Open external link\)](#). For guidance on creating an account, visit the [NYCSA Account Set Up Guide for Parents\(Open external link\)](#).
 - IEP is reviewed annually and parent is invited to meet with your case manager, teacher or team of teachers to make modifications, removal or addition of services
 - There is also a tri-annual (3 yr) mandated review with a school psychologist
 - The IEP Process:
 - **Making a Referral** - If you want your child to be evaluated for special education services, you must make a referral,
 - **Evaluation** - After you give consent, we have 60 calendar days to evaluate your child.
 - **The IEP Meeting** - Get information about the IEP meeting so you and your child will be prepared.
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 - **Family Resources** - Upcoming events, workshops, and resources for families of children with IEPs are available on the NYCDOE website
 - AP Gordon also oversees the 504 Process
 - Section 504 of [The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 \(Open external link\)](#) requires public schools to offer accommodations for eligible students with disabilities. These accommodations help students with special health needs to participate in New York City Department of Education (DOE) programs and activities on an equal basis with their peers who do not have disabilities. Examples include asthma, diabetes, fracture, anxiety.
 - Eligibility for 504 accommodations requires a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits at least one major life activity and requires medical evaluation; the accommodation must be reviewed annually.
 - Parent Qs:
 - Does CSS receive support for special education teachers based on the number of students who require it? P. Nelson says yes. P. Nelson says that we have the budget for it but not the available staff; we need more teachers. Parents encouraged to recommend people to fill those new spots.

6. Fundraising

- Holiday Bake Sale - first bake sale of 2023 will be on January 20th! VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS NEEDED! Links & QR codes to follow
- Spirit Wear Sales - was yesterday and was VERY SUCCESSFUL & another coming up in February! Look for the date in your CSS emails!
- Spring Fling is coming BACK! In-person social and online auction! How can you help?
 - Donate auction items or procure them with local businesses. Examples from the past

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- are: camping site donated by Prof Hubbard, Broadway tickets, art pieces and classes, yoga training and sessions, sports event tickets, NYC City Hall tour by Mark Levine, Texas Beach Front Condo for up to 8 people, college admissions and career counseling
 - Help us find a cool and inexpensive (preferably free) venue to hold a social event (mid to end of May) for about 100 people that allows us to bring in food & drinks
 - Look for future volunteer opportunities: decorations, entertainment (DJ), food & drink donations, event night of (set up, door check, strike)
 - If you have a great idea for an auction item, please send it to PTAfundraising@columbiasecondary.org.
 - **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 for details. <https://farmtopeople.com/>
 - Also participate in BOX TOPS!
 - **YEAR LONG FUNDRAISERS:**
 - Dues Drive / Annual Appeal - under "Get Involved/Donate" on the website
 - Amazon Smile! - watch for the link in PTA Communications emails
- 7. CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**
- STILL NEED VP of Fundraising - the work can be mostly remote! Please email CSSPTApresident@columbiasecondary.org if interested.
 - We need volunteers for:
 - Holiday Bake Sale & Spirit Wear Sale - Friday, January 20th; the link & QR codes for Sign-Up Genius were shared.
 - SPRING FLING -
 - If you have ideas for donation items email Nancy Fiaschetti at lfiashetti2023_columbiasecondary.org. **WE NEED DONATIONS!**
 - If you have a great venue, please email Laurie Brown Kindred @ brownkindred@gmail.com
 - **WHY VOLUNTEER?**
 - Raises for the 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!
- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **SLT Meeting:** Thursday, January 19 at 5:30pm
 - 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:**

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- 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.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m. (65 in attendance)

NEXT PTA MEETINGS

February 7, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

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

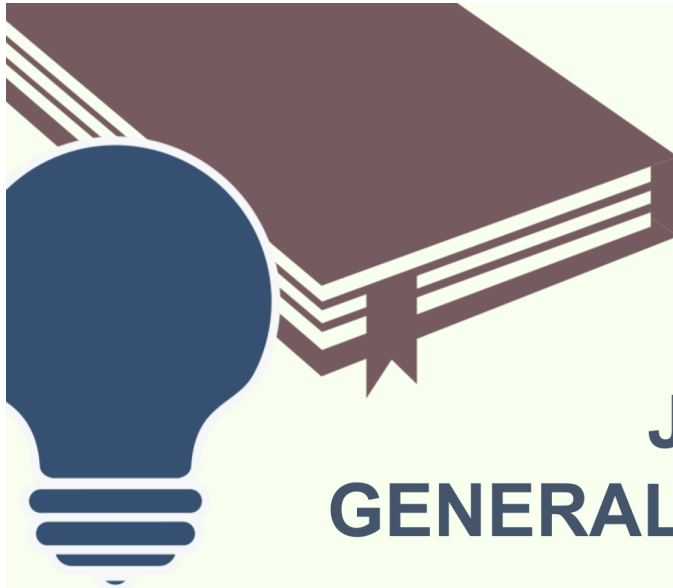
April 18, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

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

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

Attachments:

- Slide Show



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JANUARY 2023 GENERAL PTA MEETING

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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. **Principal's/SLT Report** - Principal Lenice Nelson
5. **Special Education Services at CSS** - AP Gordon
6. **Fundraising & Volunteering Updates**
7. **Announcements/New Business**
8. **Adjournment**



Approval of December 2022 Minutes

PTA RECORDING SECRETARY



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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RiEvA5VjDTNspytyNpyGbGIh68kwxzlduZdgX41BPkk/edit?usp=share_link

December General Meeting Summary of Minutes (2022-2023)

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Location: ZOOM at 6:15PM to 7:30PM

To read the complete minute version go to the link shared in the chat

1. **Call to Order & Welcome:** Spanish interpretation was offered
2. **Approval of Minutes:** approved
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - The new Treasurer, Starr Peoples. Treasurer's Report for November and December will be provided in January.
4. **Principal and School Leadership Team (SLT) Report**
 - Health & Safety Update
 - City wide indoor mask recommendation and advising that masks are worn properly.
 - Stay up to date with vaccines
 - Morningside Center is providing conflict resolution
 - Community Education Council 5 (CEC-5) business meeting on 12/21 at 6 p.m.
 - District 5 is holding a Family Institute on Wed 12/14
 - District 5 Toy drive on Dec 15th
 - School Level
 - New 7th Grade ELA teacher (filling Dave Hartmen's position)
 - SONNYC Winter Fest on 12/22 & SONNYC and COMPASS holiday programming on 12/27 (Dave & Buster's) & 12/28 (to see Avatar) (including for high schoolers); all free
 - Jupiter Grades has launched. Email Principal Nelson to get access and adjust preferred language
 - MS & HS student governments in full swing
 - Re-imagining CSS committee is up and running - next week; this is student led.
 - Friends of CSS provided funding for two additional school aides for dismissal
 - Winter sport games have increased
 - Pride Friday shout-outs continue; Prof Tiede who was a panelist for Sustainability and Climate Change (will ask for recording). Submit suggestions for announcements to Megan Thomas.
 - Mascot is back!
 - Musical is back! Musical team is meeting later this week.
5. **SAFETY w/ NYPD Precinct 26**
 - Officer Limardo of 26th precinct, Youth Coordinator Officer, returned to talk with parents about social media use.
 - To read the Q&A after presentation go to the minute link in the chat
6. **Fundraising Report**
 - **Holiday Bake Sale** is this Friday, December 16th.
 - **Turkey Trot** - we raised about \$700.
 - **Picture Days** - thanks to all of the volunteers! Look out for info on the ordering!
 - **Spirit Wear Sales** - Friday, Dec. 16th, from 2:30-3:30p.; online form for used uniforms shared.
 - **Spring Fling** is coming soon! Share your ideas for an auction item.
 - **Holiday Wreath Sale** - <https://giftforward.com/> Fundraising Code: COLUMBNY101
 - **Farm to People** - <https://farmtopeople.com/> use code **FARMIOTCSS**
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 - HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS for Faculty & Staff -
 - **WE NEED DONATIONS!** Please deliver 12 identical small gifts to the school by Monday 12/19 (with name and grade)
 - **VOLUNTEER!**
 - Tues 12/20, 9a-10:30am - Sort Gifts (PTA Storage, 5th floor)
 - Thur 12/22, 8am-10am - Organize & Deliver Gifts (Cafeteria)
 - Link & QR codes for Sign-Up Genius were shared.

8. Facilities Report: Dave Thom presented

- The first Shared Space Committee meeting was held on Dec 7 with KIPP, PS125.
- Unclear how space is being shared. Updated schedules due next SCC meeting in Jan.
- Shared a diagram that shows the complexity of sharing spaces.

FACILITIES UPDATES:

- PLAY STREET - Waiting to hear from DOT on application to close street
- SCHOOLYARD - Completion has been delayed by a year to Spring 2024!
- SCAFFOLD - Estimated to be removed in Feb 2023 along W123rd St.
- 3rd FLLIBRARY - SCA estimates completion will be Spring 2023
- ROOF - Many leaks being investigated. Likely will not be fixed until 2024.
- BOILER - To be awarded 2024. Temp boiler to sit on the street until 2026.
- POOL - Out of service. City awarded \$2.2M in funding but timeline unclear.
- BASEMENT CAFETERIA - City awarded \$550k in funding but timeline unclear.

- **QUESTIONS:** To read the questions and answers go to the electronic version of the minutes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PE Teacher, Harold DeLucia donates trees to families or individuals in need. Limited to 50 tree donations, 1 per family, til 12/23.
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- SONNYC Winter Fest is December 22nd.
- Winter Break is December 26-January 2nd

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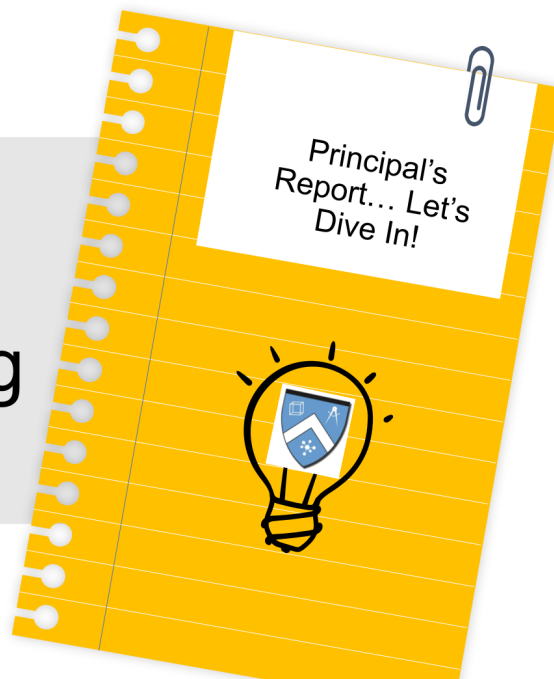
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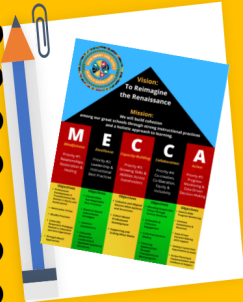
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Related Services/Paraprofessional Team at CSS

Speech and Language

Lauren Romandetti

Ariel Persad

Counselling

Amanda Engleman

Elsa Cordoba

Paraprofessionals

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Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) at CSS

- 12:1 Setting offered in Middle School
- Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) offered in Middle and High School

SPECIAL CLASS 12:1

SERVES STUDENTS WHOSE ACADEMIC AND/OR BEHAVIORAL NEEDS REQUIRE SPECIALLY DESIGNED INSTRUCTION WHICH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A SELF-CONTAINED SETTING.

- ONE FULL-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER
- NO MORE THAN 12 OR 15 STUDENTS



GENERAL EDUCATION



- ENABLE A STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY TO BE EDUCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL EDUCATION CLASS WITH NON-DISABLED PEERS.
- PERMITS DIFFERENT INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGNS TO ENABLE THE DISABLED STUDENT TO RECEIVE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN THE GENERAL EDUCATION CLASSROOM.
- INCLUDE RELATED SERVICES



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NYC Schools Account

Create an account or sign in to access your student's academic records and school information, update emergency contact details, and more!

schools.nyc.gov/nycsa

NYC Department of Education



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Eligibility

Your child may be eligible for health services and/or other types of accommodations.

Students qualify for 504 Accommodations if:

1. They have a physical or mental impairment; and
2. The impairment substantially limits at least one major life activity.

REQUEST FOR SECTION 504 ACCOMMODATIONS 2016-2017

Name of Student: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Student ID: _____
 School Name: _____ SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____ GRADE/CLASS: _____
 Name of Requesting Parent/Guardian: _____ Relationship to Student: _____
 Date Submitted to the 504 Coordinator: ____/____/____ Name of 504 Coordinator: _____
 Filled in by: To be completed by the parent/guardian, submit to the school 504 Coordinator

Describe the student's disability and how it affects the student's educational performance:

Indicate accommodations requested below (check the correct boxes). Please contact the school 504 Coordinator with any questions.

Accommodation	Requested	Approved	Not Approved
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended time on tests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended time on assignments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Extended time on classwork	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Classroom Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Preferential seating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent breaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instructional Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Large print	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Braille	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Audio recording	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Parent Consent: To be completed by the student's parent/guardian prior to submitting to the School 504 Coordinator. To determine whether your child is eligible for accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or related federal laws, we will consider all relevant and pertinent information, including the parent/guardian statement of capabilities, classroom observations and assignments, assessment data, and other information. An approved request for accommodations is a plan that will be developed with you and the school. The form may be re-evaluated at any time. You are not required to provide information unless you are notified by the school 504 Coordinator.

Parent Consent: I understand that you are providing consent for the 504 Coordinator to review your child's records and/or to determine whether your child is eligible for accommodations. You also acknowledge that you have provided all available information to the best of your ability and understand that the Office of Special Education (OSE), New York City Department of Education (DOE), and agents and staff employees are relying on the accuracy of the information provided to determine whether and to what extent your child may require accommodations under Section 504. Additionally, you hereby authorize OSE and OSE and staff employees and agents, to contact, consult with and obtain any further information they may deem appropriate relating to your child's medical condition, medication and/or treatment from any health care provider under the assurance that the provided medical or health records in your files.

I understand that I am authorizing the 504 Coordinator to review my child's records and/or to determine whether your child is eligible for accommodations.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
 Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



Thanks!

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FUNDRAISING UPDATE



PTA Fundraising Events

BAKE SALE

First Bake Sale of 2023 will be on January 20th – Donations needed
See links and QR codes to follow

SPIRIT WEAR SALES

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

SPIRIT WEAR SALES

Wait for it!!!

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

Amazon Smile!
watch for the link in PTA Communications

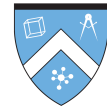
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SPRING FLING IS COMING BACK

In-Person Social and Online Auction!!!



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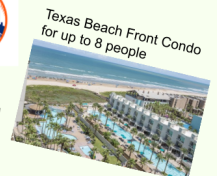
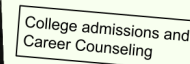
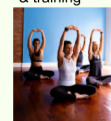
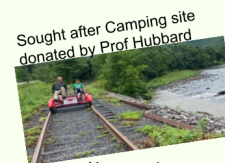
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How can you help?

- ★ *Donate Auction items or procure them with local businesses*
- ★ *Help us find a cool and inexpensive (preferably free) venue to hold a social event the day of the online auction (that allows to bring in food and drinks)*

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Previous years auction items





CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:



VP OF FUNDRAISING - Can be mostly remote!
Please email cssptapresident@columbiasecondary.org if interested

New Year BAKE SALE!
Friday, January 20th
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

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



CEC5
Get involved in the in the
community by attending the CEC
General meeting:
January 25, 2023

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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!

Fill out the Volunteer interest form at: <https://forms.gle/EoCNq8xcwvLaSZDJ6> and watch for signups
from the PTA

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Announcements

- **SLT Meeting:** Thursday, January 19 at 5:30pm
 - Interested in observing the SLT Meeting?
 - Please email Parent Coordinator Isis Ramos the day before the meeting to receive the Zoom information
- **Parents Social** – Come join the PTA at Harlem Tavern on Wednesday, January 18 (time TBD)





THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR SY 2022-2023

February 7, 2023 6:15-7:30 P.M.

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.

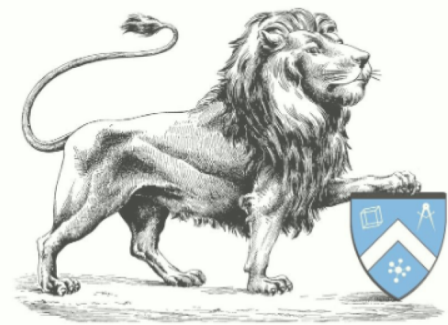


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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

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

NELSON MANDELA



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