

Amani Public Charter School- PTA Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024

Welcome

Vehicular Safety by MVPD- Officer Hutchins

- Drop off and dismissal. Please no U turns for the safety of the children and others
- No double-parked cars
- Plans in place to close down the north bound lane to prevent children from crossing in front of vehicles
- Lot on 3rd avenue is available for temporary parking
Amani does a staggered release to make it easier for parents to pick up the children and less congestion overall

Lab out Skills (RISE program) - Ms. Jasmine

- Funded through NYS to keep kids off the street- Free of cost
- Drop in drop out program- no permission from parents needed. Piloting at Amani is for the next 6 weeks
- Basketball training, career readiness, etc.
- Ms. Comiso is Amani point of contact
- Amani- Friday's 4-6pm

Recruiting for Amani begins NOW!!Amani is hosting touring Tuesdays and open houses. Please spread the word!!

- K and 1st beginning next year Goal is 100 new children (50 Kindergarten and 50 first graders)

Sports

Boys and girls sports team will travel together and play at the same time with this new charter school sports league.

IEP and Students with Special needs

Charter school and public school- The law states that the district where the student resides is responsible for the services of children with special needs, even children in a charter school. MVCSD Mt Vernon is responsible if your child lives in Mount Vernon and needs special education services. Charter schools are essentially their own school district operating on their own, except for when it comes to special education services. Charter school are publicly funded through federal and state grants

Testimonials from other parents on the Amani services

BLACC (Black Latinx Asian Charter collaborative)- Marina Distant Williams and Georgina Harvey

What is it about??

A forum for parents of charter school students in NYS to discuss issues and collaborate on solutions. This group also lobbies are elected officials locally and in Albany for more resources in our charter schools. Next BLACC Peoples Assembly is November 16, 2024. Please come out and support

Fundraiser- Paint and Sip- 50\$ November 22, 2024 7-10pm
(Includes materials and 1 glass of wine)

Goal is to raise funds for play area outside of Amani Charter

TACHS exam Prep- Please look to newsletter for more information

Amani PTA Board Members Personal Introduction

- PTA President- Lutitia Matthias
- PTA Vice President- Shaundell Wharton
- PTA Recording secretary -Marina Distant- Williams
- PTA Assistant secretary -Paulette Palmer -Guy
- PTA Fundraiser Chair Primary Role- Kerrine Kerr; Ishanqua Bennet

Please see the attached link for a copy of past PTA minutes- <https://www.amanicharter.org/pta/>