



Minutes of PA Meeting- January 16th 2018

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Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:39 PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Attendees:

PA Co- Presidents- Stephanie Cooper & Meredith Kaback

PA Vice Presidents- Shelly Shalom

PA Co- Secretaries- Dina Halili & Marcy Keltai

PA Treasurer- Yvonne Venezia

PS 196 Assistant Principle- Mrs. Catherine Koatz

PS 196 Parent Coordinator- Ellen Maurer

PS 196 After School- Maria Romero

President's Report:

- November minutes approved - Sangita & Ashley
- December minutes approved- Sangita and Ariana

Principal's Report- Mrs. Koatz

- G&T testing is done. Results will come to parents directly in April. School is not informed.
- Students dressed up in college gear for College awareness day which was January 11th
- Thank you to Mrs. Liberman (1st grade teacher), Deepali Patel and the PA for coordinating our Eat a Rainbow week (1/8-1/12)
- January fun Friday was about reflecting on 2017 and setting goals for 2018. Very well attended!
- Interim progress reports will be sent home on 1/26. Need to be signed and sent back on 1/29.
- Promotion in doubt letters will be sent home at the end of January or beginning of February.
- 2nd graders have begun their circus arts and they are loving it! 3rd graders have started dance on Broadway. Thanks to the PA for supporting the Arts!
- Math A Thon launch will be on February 9th. Last year we raised more than \$40K. PS 196 was #3 on the top 100 fundraising schools across the country!!
- New Prep schedule starts on 1/29. Parents will get the new schedule from their teachers. Thanks to Ellen C, Ariana P and Gina for their help.
- Feb 12th will be the 100th day of school. There will be celebrations all week in school.
- No school on February 16th- Lunar New Year.
- Received \$35K from Reso A which will be used towards computers for our children.

After School Report- Maria Romero

- Fall Semester ends on 1/31/2018 Spring registration started on 1/11/2018. Registration for morning and afterschool is on our website www.afterschoolps196.com. You can pay in full or click on monthly payment. We accept Visa, M/C Discover and Amex.
- February break waiting to hear if the building is available to use.
- Ms. Homler will be sending out a summary of what kids have done in each afterschool class. Will be sent home.
- Should you have any questions you can always email Maria at afterschoolps196@gmail.com

SLT Report: Ariana

- Budget Personnel - Nicole Mitaritunno is now a paraprofessional in a 12-1 class where there was originally a substitute. Maria Tom is now in the main office taking care of all attendance matters. The school is planning to hire an additional school aide.
- Registration Projection - The new projection for 2018 is 1006 students and 7 Kindergarten classes. If it is 7 K classes, then the school plans to bring back the science lab. The school is appealing the count to 993 students. Kindergarten registration ends this Friday. The breakdown from the DOE currently is 7 K classes (25 students), 6 first grade classes (29 students), 6 second grade classes (at least 28 students), 5 third grade classes (at least 29 students), 5 fourth grade classes (at least 28 students, and 20+ from 303), and 5 fifth grade classes (30 students). There may also be two self-contained classes for 5th grade next year. Past registrations projections were: 689 in 2013, 747 in 2014, 798 in 2015, 884 in 2016, and 941 in 2017.
- Mid-year CEP - There is a mid-year CEP reflection in February. We will be checking the progress and continue the review of our goals next month. The discussion of goals for the 2018-2019 CEP will start in March/April.
- Progress Reports - Progress reports will be going out the end of January. The promotion in doubt letter generated from the Department of Education will also be sent at the same time.
- Security/Event Brite - Last month we discussed a possibility of using Event Brite to streamline ID checking for school events, for example Fun Fridays. Yvonne Venezia's research included assigning a code to parents and parents with multiple children will need to register for each child. As the next step, Yvonne will be touching base with Ellen Philips to discuss back end programming.
- Student Bathrooms - Principal Migliano and Evelyn McManus have been checking the bathrooms two to three times a week sporadically and the bathrooms have been clean.
- Asphalt Green/Supplies - Ariana Palacio has been sent a list of supplies/games to purchase to keep the children engaged during active recess. The specific requirements of some equipment are being looked into. She will also give Yvonne a total cost for budget approval.
- Wellness Update- Meredith Kaback introduced a proposal, as part of the Wellness in Schools program, where chefs come in to help and demonstrate labs of menus. There is money in the PA budget allotted.

Treasurer's Report- Yvonne

- Paid all the Author's from the Author visit
- Paid \$5,000 to the 5th grade fund.

Miscellaneous:

- Paint Night 1/21 for Parents only. Needed to vote for \$200- 29 people voted yes- approved!
- Application for School Wellness Citywide is coming up. We have won this award in the past
- Wellness in Schools- we will table again at the February PA meeting. Program costs \$6-\$10K includes a chef who comes to the school, labs in the classroom and discussions about nutrition. (2 days of labs 3 days of tastings) Meredith will find out what grades will receive the labs.
- 2nd Annual Valentine's day Dance- 2/10 5-8:00pm. Flyers will go out, dance party will be in the gym, pizza and slime station/ arts and crafts will be in the café. Voted on an additional \$2,000 for their budget (currently \$4K) 29 people voted yes and approved!
- Tickets will go on sale- \$8 Adults / \$10 kids Not selling tickets on line
- Teacher time raffle will be happening as well.
- Spotlight 1st pass was sent out and looks very exciting!! Should be distributed end of February.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm