

**Parents' Association  
of PS196Q**



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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2021 - 7:30 - 8:30PM via Zoom**

**Minutes of PA Meeting**

Board members in Attendance: Elizabeth Fassler (Co-President), Dina Halili (Co-President), Ilana Haas (VP), Marcy Keltai (VP), Alyssa Pollack (VP), Anitha Iyer (Co-Treasurer), Rachel Bailik (Co-Treasurer), Elaine Wong (Co-Secretary),

Ms. Koatz and 16 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Call to order @ 7:32pm: Sarah Han & Anitha Iyer

Approve minutes: Elaine Wong & Rachel Bialik

**- Principal's Report - Ms. Koatz**

- Annual Parent Survey is due March 25th
  - Can be done online and is confidential; only summary data is provided to the school
  - Please complete as it helps the school set goals for the coming year
  - You must submit one for each child (previous years was only one submission per family)
- State Testing - 3rd/4th/5th graders
  - ELA: March 29th - 30th
  - Math: April 26th - 27th
  - Science (4th grade only): Hands On portion - May 25 - 27th; Multiple Choice portion will be on June 6th
  - Make-up days are available
  - State tests are mandated, however, if you are opting out, please let the Testing Coordinator know (Ms. Koatz)
  - There will be no virtual Saturday academy as there are no teachers available to do it
  - Ms. Koatz will hold a Zoom testing meeting for parents (TBC)
- St. Jude's Math-a-thon
  - The goal was set at \$5,000 which we met within a few days, so the goal is now \$15,000. Any amount is greatly appreciated!
  - Will run through the end of March, kids get cool prizes and a certificate from Ms. Koatz

- COVID Testing
  - School is still doing random testing weekly
  - School will be sending home test kits for use after the mid-winter break before returning to school. Parents will receive a letter with instructions
- Lost & Found
  - Please come into the school to check the lost & found for your children's items
  - We need volunteers to sort through to check for names
  - Whatever is not claimed will be donated
- NYCSA Accounts
  - this is your account through high school
  - you can enter blue card info; find all report cards; attendance data
  - check your personal contact information and inform Fabien Matteis if anything needs to be updated
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - March 3rd from 1 - 3pm and 4:30 - 7:30pm
  - You should have received sign-up from your child's teacher
  - Will be via Zoom
- **After School Program - Dina Halili**
  - Now: Spring 22 Semester After School Program until June 24th. All available classes are listed on our website: [afterschoolps196.org](http://afterschoolps196.org)
  - Feb 21st - 25th: Mid-Winter Recess (School Holiday). No After School Program
  - Feb 28th: After School Program Resumes
  - March 3rd: Half Day/Parent Teacher Conferences. No regular After School Program. Half Day Program will be offered, prior registration required. Online registration on our website starts on February 18th
  - Questions: Email us at [info@afterschoolps196.org](mailto:info@afterschoolps196.org)
- **Treasurer's Report / Annual Appeal – Anitha Iyer & Rachel Bialik**
  - Our revenue for January is \$2,300, however, \$1,375 of it is for the 5th grade
  - Expenses = \$213.20
  - Our Annual Appeal raised \$17,300. Our goal was \$25,000 but we were pretty close! Thanks to all our families for their support.
  - Winning classes will receive class parties for the 100 days of school
- **Update on committees & events in 2021 - 2022**
  - Spiritwear – Rachel
    - We need a volunteer to help out with Spiritwear
  - Restaurant Fundraiser - Marcy
    - We are working on the restaurant fundraiser for March.
  - School Pictures - Marcy
    - Class composites are available in each students' account
    - 2/21 is the deadline to order
    - If you have questions, email [ps196pictures@gmail.com](mailto:ps196pictures@gmail.com)
  - 5th Grade Committee
    - Still collecting dues and payments. If you need help, please reach out to the committee
  - Social Media - Elaine

- Need volunteer to help with maintaining the website and other social media
- Class Parents - thank you for all your help!
- **SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Alyssa Pollack**
  - Our last meeting was on February 9th
  - The school's budget was approved
  - CEP/Progress monitoring is due on March 4th
  - Report cards and parent teacher conferences is March 3rd (half day)
  - There will be no Saturday academy for state tests but students will be taken out in small groups for a targeted learning strategy (one day/week). This will be for all students in 3rd/4th/5th grades
  - Mask mandate remains
  - New construction is finished and Ms. Migliano had a walk-through; there are four levels with fourteen classrooms and two administrative offices
  - There will be a new 5th grade initiative - there will be a school news broadcast once per week

**Adjournment:** Alyssa Pollack & Deborah Sachs at 8:11pm

SAVE THE DATE: March 15th PA meeting will have a guest speaker, Lynn Schulman, City Council

