

**Parents' Association
of PS196Q**



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q
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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 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 Ayer (Co-Treasurer), Rachel Bailik (Co-Treasurer), Cigall Goldman (Co-Secretary), Elaine Wong (Co-Secretary),

Council Person Lynn Schulman + 38 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Call to order @ 7:32pm: Elaine Wong & Anitha Ayer
Approve minutes: Rachel Bailik & Alyssa Pollack

- **Council Member Lynn Schulman**
 - As member of Education community she's been reaching out to schools to understand needs
 - She wants to hear from us what's important for our kids
 - Questions:
 - Is 196 getting a crossing guard?
 - Lynn wants to get a crossing guard but she needs to push. She is going to see what the city can do in the short term. They're down resources so even a control car around 2:30 may not be feasible right now. She will circle back with us
 - Future of Gifted and Talented program
 - Her position is that there should be G+T in every school. Chancellor wants to expand G+T program but call it something else.
 - School Based Mental Health Programs
 - Lynn will make a note and talk to DOE about future of kids mental health programs.
 - Speed Bumps around the school / Stop Sign 72nd ave and 112 st
 - Lynn can have DOT look into Stop sign. Speed bumps will not work because if a car hits it at high speed they can go into the building. She will get back to Alyssa.
 - What is going on with old parkway hospital?

- It was supposed to be senior housing but now she's not sure what is going on. She will circle back and also talk to her staff about what can be done about the graffiti.
- Any plans for new Middle School for the area? Will any of the school extensions be used for middle schools?
 - Lynn does not know. She will find out.
- Some concrete is loose by the 196 playground ramp which kids like to play with
 - Lynn will get this looked into
- Lynn can join PA again and would like to invite us and our kids to a town hall coming up.
- We can reach out to **Kevin McAleer – Community Liaison** – kmcaleer@council.nyc.gov – 929-946-1691
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- **Parent Coordinator Report - Ms. Medeiro**
 - Next week is deadline for NYC school survey
 - All classes with 100% submission qualify for a classroom party
 - If you have any questions you can contact Ms. Medeiro (in office 7am – 3pm)
 - Tuesday 3/22 will be coffee and conversation
- **After School Program Update**
 - Registration is now open for the Spring 22 Semester After School Program until June 24th. All available classes are listed on our website: afterschoolps196.org
 - 4/15 - 4/22 is the Spring Break and there will be no ASP; will resume on 4/25
 - 5/2 schools will be closed for Eid and there will be no ASP
 - Any questions email info@afterschoolps196.org
- **Treasurer's Report / Annual Appeal – Anitha Ayer**
 - Anitha to fill in details
 - We received Vaccine Referral Bonus
 - Annual Appeal
- **Update on Committees & Events in 2022**
 - Parent Association Elections
 - Elections will occur in June. Please reach out to anyone on the board with any questions or if you're interested in being on the board or participating in any committee. We also need volunteers for the Election Committee. Email info@pa196.org for more information.
 - Art to Remember - Marcy
 - Kicking off Art to Remember fundraiser. Parents can order their kids artwork – which is made into fun keepsakes. The order forms will go out in mid-April or you can order online.
 - Anti-Racism Committee – Teresa Liu
 - D28 Action for Equity Group has an event coming up on March 28 at 8pm “ABCs of CRSE – Taking steps to cultural responsiveness in your schools”
 - They meet on monthly basis if anyone is interested in joining
 - Spiritwear – Elizabeth Fassler
 - If anyone is interested in getting involved with spirit wear, please email the PA

- Selling T-Shirts tomorrow morning for Spirit Day
- **SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Alyssa Pollack**
 - Grades K-2
 - ELA 79% of students scored on or above grade level
 - Math 55% scored on or above grade level
 - Grades 3-5
 - ELA 74% students scored on or above grade level
 - Math 71% students scored on or above grade level
 - Math Intervention specialist is available in the morning for extra help
 - Saw floor plans for new wing update
 - Mask mandate has been lifted for K-5 and there have been some changes to entrance/exits
 - No more social distancing requirements. Classes can have desks set up in tables.

Adjournment: Deborah Sachs & Marina Chan at 8:32pm

