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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

IN PERSON

**Minutes of PA Meeting**

**Board members in attendance:** Elizabeth Fassler (Co-President), Renee Ming (Co-President) Ilana Haas (VP), Rachel Bialik (Treasurer), Marina Tasopoulos-Chan (Secretary)

Quorum was achieved. Approximately 21 parents were in attendance in person.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:40pm by Kelly Leong and Jennifer Martinez.

**Approval of October General Meeting Minutes:** The October 2023 minutes were approved by Adrienne Faya and Ximena Frankel.

**Principal's Report:** *Ms. Berkowitz* -

On Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> school will be closed for Thanksgiving.

**Upcoming meetings and workshops:** There will be a school safety meeting on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 am in person and on zoom. On November 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a state testing workshop on zoom at 9am and 6pm. On November 30<sup>th</sup> there is a literacy and math workshop over zoom.

**Upcoming events:** November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>, Brain Power will be doing class visits. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, there are author visits for first and second grades. Author visits for fourth grade will be on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and third grade will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Winter Concert will be on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

The next Star Student awards will be on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Marquis Studios has been working with the upper grades.

*Important announcements:* Parents should fill out the Media Consent form and Blue Card on NYCSA.

### **Parent Coordinator – Ms. Medero**

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the middle school application deadline. Please contact Ms. Thiem with any questions.

The kindergarten application opens on December 5<sup>th</sup> and closes on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to opt out of the save for college program, NYC Kids Rise. There will be an upcoming workshop on NYC Kids Rise.

### **Vote on Proposals:**

*Kindergarten moving up:* the motion was passed by the PA body to restore \$1,500 funding to the kindergarten moving up ceremony, which will go towards food for a small celebration afterwards and/or t-shirts for the children.

*Meeting format:* the motion (presented and discussed at the previous meeting) was passed by the PA body to change the bylaws to have hybrid meetings. Future PA meetings will now be hybrid, meaning both in person and over zoom.

*AEI announcements:* the motion for the AEI group to make announcements at PA meetings was passed by the PA body.

### **Treasurer's Report – Rachel Bialik**

The income and expenses from July, August, September, and October of 2023 was presented and discussed as well as the annual appeal. Incoming Venmo does not appear in the budget until the following month.

### **Brain Power – Kathy Martinez**

Brain Power led a session for meeting attendees, leading parents in some of the activities that they teach children to reduce stress.

### **Update on recent and upcoming events:**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with dismissal from 2:30 to 3:00 on weekdays.

Additionally, volunteers will be needed for PS 196 World Fair in May.

Thank you to parent volunteers for Picture Day and the Halloween party! Many thanks to Elaheh Daneshfar for the balloon displays at the Halloween Party.

Author visits are coming up for first and second grade on November 29<sup>th</sup>, and third and fourth grades on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers:**

We are finishing our Krispy Kreme fundraiser this month. Cards for a Cause will be our December fundraiser.

Spiritwear – there have been some delays; orders should be on their way soon.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee – Jessica Shillito**

The fifth grade packet will be sent out soon. The committee will be collecting photos and senior dues.

### **SLT liaison – Ellen Chu**

*State tests:* State test data was presented at the last meeting. PS 196 was ranked number 1 in the district for both ELA and math. We were ranked fifth in the city for math and eighth in the city for ELA. 94% of PS 196 students who took the ELA exam met or exceeded standards (i.e., received a 3 or 4 on the exam). For math, 98% met or exceeded expectations.

*Enrichment clubs:* Clubs are held in the mornings due to teacher schedules. Selection criteria vary by club. More information about club participation and selection is being compiled by the school.

*Fun Fridays:* Fun Fridays will not be returning at this time due to demands on teacher time, especially with the new curricula.

### **Q & A**

A question was asked about whether parents can attend class parties. Currently, parent attendance at class parties is up to teachers.

**Adjournment** – 9:06 pm by Yvette Jong and Silvia Alata

