



Minutes of PA Meeting- November 21, 2017

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Opening: Meredith Kaback started the meeting at 7:40 PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Attendees:

PA Co- Presidents- Meredith Kaback

PA Vice Presidents- Deepali Patel-Sagar, Shelly Shalom & Karen Solomon

PA Co- Secretaries- Dina Halili

PA Treasurer- Yvonne Venezia

PS 196 Asst. Principal- Mrs. Blimie Berkowitz

PS 196 Parent Coordinator- Ellen Maurer

PS 196 After School- Maria Romero

**President's Report:**

- Thanks to all the parents who helped with Picture day. Sibling Pictures will be up by next week.
- Book Swap was great, possibly do it again in the spring. We do have books left over
- Halloween was a huge success thank you again.

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

- Lunch Monies will be refunded by the city, it takes a while
- 11/22 Parent Workshop- Tolerance & Diversity with Ms. Berkowitz
- 11/23 & 11/24- School Closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/27- Special Ed Parent Workshop (counseling)
- 11/28- 9:15AM Kindergarten Tour for incoming K kids
- 11/29- K Parent Workshop- Reading /Foundations
- 12/3- 10:30 AM ENL trip
- 12/4- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Author Visit
- 12/5- K Author Visit
- 12/7- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Author Visit
- 12/8- Fun Friday
- 12/11- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Author Visit
- 12/12- Next PA meeting & Star Student Awards
- Restroom Issue was discussed- dirty, locks, leaks
- School is putting notices in the bathrooms and pictures for K & 1 st graders
- 1 Janitor/ Custodian on duty during the day, budget comes from Board of Ed, money is given based on square footage of school not number of children
- Parents inquired how they can help the school get more help / funds

**After School Report- Maria Romero**

- 165 students attended the Half Day program for P/T Conferences on 11/16
- Afterschool Thanksgiving celebrations will take place on 11/23
- Winter Recess 12/26-12/29 program will run ONLY if the building is available. Will keep us posted

- Spring 2018 Semester runs from 2/1-6/25. Email blast will go out in late December. Fall semester ends 1/31/18

### **SLT Report- Ariana**

- Current Student Count – Funding/Security Guards - According to Agent Staunton, we are currently on next year's list to acquire an additional security guard.
- Crossing Guard Status -We are still waiting for a crossing guard. A police officer has been coming every day to monitor the morning arrival of students. She has also asked to have the crosswalk outside the school repainted
- Sanford Harmony - Mrs. Migliano has mandated that one period a week be devoted to this program. Ms. Golub, Ms. Ginzberg and Mr. King all relayed stories of the positive interactions between students while using various lesson plans. This is a free program. We discussed potentially incorporating Sanford Harmony into a Fun Friday.
- Student Lateness - Student lateness continues to be an issue with a negative impact on the students as well as the teachers. It cuts into class time and causes interruptions and distracts the children already in the midst of their lessons. We are open to suggestions to help alleviate this problem.
- E3Sports/Asphalt Green - Ariana Palacio shared that E3Sports had been contacted and informed that we will not be requiring their services this year. Asphalt Green's free training program has begun with the aides and is going well. Further updates will be discussed once training is completed.
- The science teacher is currently being trained on the STEM cart and is scheduled to start using it with the students in January

### **Treasure's Report- Yvonne**

- Halloween Party made over \$3K
- Annual Appeal Donations so far \$22K this is still on going. Thank you letters, receipts and deposits will be done this week
- New Budget vote was taken to give \$5500 for 5<sup>th</sup> graders- 33 YES / 1 NO
- Chipotle Restaurant Fundraiser made \$497. Next week is Boston Market

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Trip Shirts still available \$7
- Spotlight Magazine- kids were given their assignments, \$5 booster ads were sent out
- Stem Box Fundraiser- 12 different options, our school code is on the letter, free shipping school gets \$10
- Author Visits- 7 different Authors are coming this year and they will be signing each book.
- Piano Tuning- both pianos need tuning- PA will bring up to Ms. Lee.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57pm