



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q

71-25 113th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375

Minutes of PA Meeting – Tuesday, June 16th, 2020 - Virtual

Opening: Meeting started at approximately 7:30PM. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board members in Attendance: Deepali Patel-Sagar (Co-President), Marcy Keltai (Co-President), Stephanie Cooper (Co-VP), Yvonne Venezia (Co-VP), Dina Halili (Co-VP), Tita Jimmo (Co-Treasurer), Sarah Han (Co-Treasurer), Linda Chan (Co-Secretary), Ariana Palacio (Co-Secretary).

Mrs. Migliano (Principal) and Maria Romero (ASP) and 41 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Stephanie Cooper and Alyssa Pollack approved the May minutes.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Migliano

- Pick up of children's belonging will be in September
- Children should hold on to all school equipment they received
- If anyone is moving, please let Fabienne know, there is a Google form to be filled out
- Please activate your child's "mystudents" account, reach out to us if you have any issues
- Thank you so much for all your support during this difficult time
- Meredith Kaback, Karen Solomon, Stephanie Cooper, Tita Jimmo, Yvonne Venezia, Deepali Patel-Sagar – Thank you so much for everything you have done all these years for our school. You will be missed.
- No specific guidance on what September will look like but will keep you updated with any developments as they come.
- Please reach out to us with any questions and concerns

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Han

- Started May with a \$69,000 balance
- Minus \$14,000 that the 5th grade raised
- There is money owed to vendors and refunds on teacher time raffles that will need to be subtracted
- Remaining balance for the beginning of the 2020-2021 year – approximately \$50,000
- Summer might have additional costs which will be shared at the September meeting
- Budget – we carried forward many of the usual line items you are used to seeing but we scaled back not knowing what the future holds. Also assuming donations will be lower based on Covid related financial hardships
- We will present the new budget in September to be voted on in October

SLT Report – Ariana Palacio

Budget Update

At the time of this meeting the school has not received the 2020-2021 budget. Planning for next year has been challenging and will continue through the summer.

CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan)

The CEP will be very similar to last year in terms of goals as there is limited data available at this time to create new items. There will still be a math component, literacy and a survey goal. The first draft is due at the end of June.

COVID-19 Update

The school is continuing to follow the guidelines dictated by the Governor, Mayor and DOE regarding opening schools. Any additional information the administration receives will be shared with PS196Q families as it comes.

U.S. Census Lessons

There are grade specific lessons regarding the U.S. Census that are available through their website. The school will determine whether they will be distributed to students via teachers.

SLT Elections 2020-2021

There is no guidance regarding SLT elections at this time.

Summer Work

The teachers are compiling resources to share with families to use over the summer including the ones currently being used by the school (ex. DreamBox and Raz) that will remain available for free. Report cards will have more in depth comments and areas of focus to help guide parents through their child's individual needs to prepare them for next year.

Summer Learning Program

PS160 will be open for summer school in our district along with remote learning. At this point, no PS196Q students will be attending summer school.

Trip Money Refunds/Donations

All families are being contacted individually regarding refunds.

Unfinished Business

Regarding the garden curriculum, Farmer Fred installed the stock tanks and Abbie Hellman is tending to the garden. The administration would like to continue with the program next school year.

The school would like every student to change their Google password for their school account to increase security after an internal breach. There is no threat to the children's personal information.

The administration is working with the guidance counselor and looking into online mental health resources for the children which they will share with parents. There is also a social emotional team developing lessons for when children return to school.

A member asked if discussions of racism will be had with students. The administration addresses this topic continuously with the children through "read a louds" and various social emotional lessons. Recently a video on this subject was shared with families (e.g. Sesame Street Video via Google Classroom). More will be done but carefully to address this topic with sensitivity and accounting for children's age/grade levels. There is a zero-tolerance policy at the school.

The DOE has not given any direction to the school regarding children being able to get their belongings from the school.

Art to Remember – Marcy Keltai

- Thank you for ordering keepsakes – latest update as of June 1st – they are going back to work and will keep you updated as we get more information

School Supplies – Dina Halili

- Last day for free shipping is June 21st
- It is a fundraiser for our school
- Last day to order is July 21st for grades 1-5, August 10th for K

Spotlight – Yvonne Venezia

- Going live on the website and in the process of working with the printers for the printed version
- Thank you to Lauren and Jane for all their hard work
- Have to plan how to distribute to the school community

5th Grade Committee – Stephanie Cooper, Deepali Patel-Sagar and Alyssa Pollack

- Yearbook and T-shirts are in and currently developing a strategy to distribute
- Planning to have a yearbook signing next year when it is safe
- Graduation is June 25th – please be sure you have the Zoom link for the ceremony
- Zoom dance party for 5th graders on Saturday June 27th at 8pm – email to come
- In-person graduation (even of 150 people) not allowed for elementary schools – only JHS and HS

Recruitment of 2020-2021 Board Members – Deepali Patel-Sagar

- Elections will take place during the new school year
- Descriptions of positions to come
- 4 board members are graduating out

Unfinished Business

- Thank yous and Goodbyes

Afterschool Program – Maria Romero

- Right now we are planning ahead as if we are starting regular school in September.
- When there is guidance, we will follow it
- As of this morning's press conference regarding schools, there is a focus on making sure ASP are open to help parents go back to work
- Nothing definitive yet from the DOE
- There will be an orientation for incoming K parents

Q&A

- How can we educate parents and children about racism? How do we introduce these uncomfortable discussions into our school community?

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm – Closed by Alyssa Pollack and Stephanie Cooper.