



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q

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

Minutes of PA Meeting – December 18, 2018

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:35PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Board in Attendance: Meredith Kaback (Co-President), Stephanie Cooper (Co-President), Shelly Shalom (Co-VP), Deepali Patel-Sagar (Co-VP), Yvonne Venezia (Co-VP), Dina Halili (Co-Secretary), Marcy Keltai (Co-Secretary), Tita Jimmo (Co-Treasurer).

Mrs. Koatz (Asst. Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), Maria Romero (After School Director) were also in attendance. November minutes approved by Todd Holden and Douglas Cruz.

Principal's Report (Given by Ms. Koatz)

- The Winter Concert will be held tomorrow night 12/19 at 6:30pm. There will be an assemblies for the students on Thursday, 12/20 during school hours.
- Today was the 4th grade Hip Hop dance culmination. Last week the 3rd grade finished up Bollywood dancing and the week before was the 5th grade Ballroom Dancing culmination.
- We have had author visits for all grades
- January 11th is College Awareness Day
- Gifted & Talented testing will be in early January
- Winter Recess starts on Saturday. Friday is a regular school day. We return from break on Wednesday, January 2nd.
- Souper Bowl will be held the week of January 28th
- Interim Progress reports will be sent home on January 31st.

Parent Coordinator's Report

- Prospective Kindergarten parents toured the school and saw our cooking labs. They were very excited.
- Have a wonderful vacation and Happy New Year.

Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Maria Romero

- There will not be an ASP during the winter break
- The Fall semester ends on 1/31. The Spring semester will be 2/1-6/26
- K-2 can register online starting 1/9; 3/5 can register online starting on 1/14

Treasurer's Report

-We started November at \$41,832 and ended at \$45,306. Most of the expenses were for parties and author visits. We made \$2,476 from 2 bake sales. School Pak made \$1,906. Yankee Candle Fundraiser - \$3,000 in profit. Annual Appeal at \$22,169

SLT

Superintendent's Visit-Superintendent Sarduy will be visiting the school on Tuesday, December 18th, 2018. She will be meeting with Mrs. Migliano as well as visiting 5 classrooms. The classrooms have not been chosen at the time of this meeting.

PS303 Update-The extension is scheduled to open September 2019.

PS196Q Construction Update-They will be breaking ground for the new extension to the school this summer.

Unfinished Business-Lauren Paccione, Director of School Food (D28 Supervisor), will be speaking and taking questions at the February 2019 PA meeting.

A new computer-based Math tool called Dream Box, with a link for parents to monitor their children's progress, will be introduced into the curriculum. More details to be discussed at the next SLT meeting in January.

We will be getting more details about the next CEC (Community Education Council) meeting and how parents can get involved.

Mrs. Migliano will be meeting with the developer of the Parkway Hospital in January to discuss construction impact on the school.

PA President's Report

- Restaurant Fundraisers done: Buffalo Wild Wings will be in February
- Internet Safety workshop was very successful
- Spotlight magazine- there have been lots of submission. We are still taking ads.
- Need volunteers for Valentine's Day party. There will be a teacher time raffle. The party will be 2/9 or 2/10
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser was a huge success
- Thank you to all class parents for all the work you are doing
- Eat A Rainbow Week – more info to come

Wellness Report:

- If anyone has any fun idea for Family Fitness FunDay, let us know.
- There is talk of a potential nutrition workshop for 5th grade
- Cooking labs finish in January
- 1/9 self defense class for parents
- 1/12 Family Fitness Funday – Basketball
- 1/13 – Family Paint Night 4-6
- 1/16 Compassionate Communication workshop for parents

5th grade committee:

- If you would like to volunteer, sign on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm