



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q

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

Minutes of PA Meeting – Wednesday, February 25th, 2020

Opening: Meeting started at 7:35PM. The meeting was held in the cafeteria.

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. Berkowitz (Asst. Principal), Mary Pierantoni (Parent Coordinator), and 22 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Rachel Bialik and Alyssa Pollack approved the January minutes.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Berkowitz (Asst. Principal)

March 2—Parent Workshop: Courageous Conversations @ 8:00 a.m. in Library March 2—Class 301 to Little Pulp

March 2-6—Dr. Seuss Week—Celebrations Each Day

March 2-6—Scholastic Book Fair

March 4—Parent Workshop: 4th Grade NYS Testing @ 8:00a.m.

March 4—2nd Grade Circus Arts Show (201, 203 & 204) @ 9:50 a.m. March 4—Class 332 to Little Pulp

March 4—Report Cards Go Home

March 5—Return SIGNED Report Cards

March 5—Parent Teacher Conferences—1/2 day of school—**NOON DISMISSAL** Afternoon hours 1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.....Evening hours 4:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

March 5—District 28 Community Education Council Meeting @ 6:30p.m. at Russell Sage JHS 190 March 6—2nd Grade Circus Arts Show (202, 205, 231 & 291) @ 9:00 a.m.

March 7—ELA Saturday Academy—9:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)

March 8—Sunday Academy for ENL Students—8:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)

March 9—Parent Workshop: Testing Anxiety @ 8:00 a.m. in Library March 11—School Leadership Team Meeting @7:45a.m.

March 12—Safety Meeting—Open to All—8:00 a.m.

March 12—Class 103 to Museum of the Moving Image

March 13—Fun Friday on Art, 8:15-9:00 a.m.

March 13—Math-a-thon Donations DUE

March 14—ELA Saturday Academy—9:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)

March 15—Sunday Academy for ENL Students—8:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)

March 16—Classes 013, 031 & 291 to Kids N Shape

March 16—Pre-K Registration Ends

March 16-20—Eat-a-Rainbow Week

March 17—Classes 012 & 014 to Kids N Shape

March 17—Class 131 to Museum of the Moving Image

March 17—Star Student Awards @7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

March 17—Parents Association Meeting @7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria

March 18—K Creative Mvmt. Shows (011, 012, 013, 014 @ 9:15 a.m.) (015, 016, 017, 031 @10:15 a.m.) March 18—Classes 132 & 291 to Museum of the Moving Image

March 18—Parent Workshop: Topic TBD @8:00a.m.

March 19—Classes 016 & 017 to Kids N Shape

March 19—Class 105 to Museum of the Moving Image

March 19—Coffee & Conversation with Mrs. Migliano @ 8:15 a.m. in Room 205

March 21—Math Saturday Academy—9:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)

March 24—Classes 011, 015 to Kids N Shape

March 24—Class 104 to Museum of the Moving Image
March 25—NYS ELA Exams (Grades 3-5)
March 26—Class 101 to Museum of the Moving Image
March 26—NYS ELA Exams (Grades 3-5)
March 28—Math Saturday Academy—9:30a.m.—noon (Pre-registration required)
SAVE THE DATES: NYS Math Exams (4/22 & 4/23)

Parent Coordinator Report – Mary Pierantoni

Parent Workshops coming up:

February 26 at 8am Parent Workshop on the NYC School Surveys, located in the library

March 4th 8AM Parent Workshop on 4th Grade NYS Testing

March 9th 8AM Parent Workshop on Test Anxiety

March 18th 8AM Parent Workshop on Sanford Harmony

Other important dates:

Thursday, February 27th at 8:15am is coffee and conversation with Mrs. Migliano in room 205.

Thursday, March 5 is the date for Parent Teacher conferences.

The NYC School Surveys will be distributed during this time.

There will be a laptop outside the classrooms to fill out the survey on line and a letter will also be distributed with a QR code for easy access on mobile phones.

This is your chance to provide feedback about the school.

Everyone is encouraged to take the survey.

It is completely anonymous.

The survey will be available in 10 different languages.

Each class that has 100% participation will receive a free pizza party.

Our next Fun Friday event is on March 13th at 8:15AM, the focus will be on Art

NY State Testing Dates for 3 – 5th Grade are: ELA: March 25 and 26

Math: April 22 and 23

Parents inquired about resources in literacy in the areas of grammar, punctuation, and vocabulary. I've posted a letter with a QR code for easy access on your phone that will take you to these sites. The letter is located by the elevator, by the hallway, and by Ms. Koatz's office.

These sites can also be found on the school's website by clicking on the Literacy Corner tab.

After School Program – Deepali Patel-Sagar presented

- ASP being offered on March 5th from 12:00-6PM for Parent Teacher Conferences – Registration started today, online only, there is limited space available. No refunds after Tuesday March 3rd.
- Please contact Maria Romero directly via the afterschool email (www.afterschoolps196.org) with any questions or concerns.

Treasurers Report – Sarah Han

- Successful Family Fitness Funday hosted by Rachel Bialik, self-funded
- Picture day raised more than expected - \$3,900

SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Ariana Palacio

CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan) Second Quarter Progress Monitoring

The school is currently on target to achieve the Math, ELA and Social Emotional CEP goals.

Water Fountain Repair Update

Mrs. Migliano continues to reach out to DSF (Division of School Facilities) Deputy Director, David Newell Jr. but has gotten no confirmation on when the water fountains will be fixed.

Teacher Email Addresses

The @schools.nyc.gov emails are the property of the DOE and are available to the public online. To make it easier for families at our school to reach out to teachers via their DOE emails, the administration is currently determining the most convenient place to post them which could be on the PS196Q blog (<https://ps196q.edublogs.org>). Update will be shared once emails are posted.

What's App/Emailing Photos Policy

The SLT continues to discuss options that would best serve all the families at our school.

Cell/Smart Phone Policy

The SLT is currently working on updating our existing cell phone policy to broaden its scope to include all electronic devices (e.g., smart watches, gaming devices, Gizmos, etc.) Electronic devices continue to be misused inside and outside the classrooms and are a distraction to the educational process.

Unfinished Business

Discussions are currently underway between Mrs. Migliano, the DOE and the annex management about security cameras for the annex.

The Building Response Team has a unification plan in place in case of an emergency. They have also decided to have more drills including an evacuation drill. The site for K-2 is the annex and the site for 3-5 is the academy across the street.

Upcoming Events

- Restaurant Fundraiser – April Chipotle – Flyer will be sent out with more information
- Crayon Initiative has started – taking old crayons and creating new ones to give to children in hospitals
- Scholastic Book Fair – starting next week – offering e-Wallet
- Teachers' Luncheon – Discussion on budget increase (vote during March meeting) – Seeking additional \$500 to cover increased staff and administration
- PTC Bake sale – please see Dina Halili if you want to volunteer or donate baked goods

Committee Reports

- Volunteers needed – see signup sheets
- 5th Grade Committee – no new updates at this time

New Business

NA

Q&A

NA

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm – Closed by Lauren Timmons and Shelley Shalom.

Kathy from Brain Power made presentation.