



Minutes of PA Meeting- March 20th 2018

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Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:39 PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Attendees:

PA Co- Presidents- Stephanie Cooper & Meredith Kaback

PA Vice Presidents- Shelly Shalom, Deepali Patel- Segar

PA Co- Secretaries- Dina Halili & Marcy Keltai

PA Treasurer- Yvonne Venezia

PS 196 Assistant Principle- Mrs. Blimie Berkowitz

PS 196 Parent Coordinator- Ellen Maurer

PS 196 After School- Maria Romero

- February minutes were approved by Lizzie Fassler & Lauren Timmons

Principal's Report- Mrs. Berkowitz

- WITS tasting- thank you to the wellness counsel, Deborah Soffel and Parent volunteers. It was a great event
- Circus Arts for the 2nd grade was a huge success thanks again to the PA.
- Math-a-thon is still going on currently raised over \$20,000- deadline for all donations is coming up next week 3/29/18.
- Mrs. Migliano is being honored on Thursday 3/29 at the FHJC 7:00pm -9:00pm. It is the 7th annual women's history month celebration. You must RSVP to koslowitz@whm@gmail.com
- April 11th and 12th is ELA
- May 1st and 2nd is Math
- Please make sure to fill out the survey's if you haven't already

After School Report- Maria Romero

- 210 kids attended the ½ day afterschool program. HW was done and was very successful.
- No program will be held during spring break as they are refinishing the gym floors. ***please note this changed after our PA meeting and the program will be running from 4/2-4/6***

SLT Report: Ariana Palacio

- Mid-year CEP - The school is meeting all goals on CEP
- School Safety Procedures - Mr. Lewis goes into each classroom at the beginning of the year and talks to the children about the school's safety procedures.
- An email was sent to the SLT regarding various options to lock classroom doors so intruders cannot enter. Mr. King and Mr. Lewis researched different options for door jams but have not found the right fit for the school. Evelyn is researching replacing classroom doors.
- The administration has had very positive feedback from parents regarding the new security measures for Fun Fridays.
- There is \$500K "in the state" waiting for a proposal from Evelyn's people for cameras in the school. Evelyn is waiting to hear the current status of the proposal.

- Unfinished Business - Mrs. Migliano attended the last CEC (Community Educational Council) meeting. The topic of rezoning PS303 was a big focus during the meeting. Parents from 303 attended and aggressively stated their desire to not have the school zoned. The scheduled opening of the extension of PS303 is 2019. It will include space for 4th and 5th graders.
- Next year there will be 7 K classes, 4 K classes will be annexed in the building across the street. Lunch will be served in the annex and the administration is trying to have the specials there too so the children will not have to travel back and forth which would cut into class time.
- Alyssa Pollack announced that Mrs. Migliano is one of four honorees at the 77th Annual Women's History Month Celebration for her service to the community. Councilwoman Karen Koslowitz is hosting the event on 3/29 at the Forest Hills Jewish Center.
- Meredith Kaback talked about Wellness in the Schools. There will be a discussion with the children about healthy eating and a Kale Caesar Salad tasting during lunch on Friday 3/16. The kitchen staff will also be introduced to the children.

Treasurer's Report- Yvonne

- Voted on new rug for the front entrance area- Cost \$1500. Approved by majority vote.
- Voted for Field Day (carnival day) Current budget is \$2500 – needs an additional \$500 due to increase in children. Approved by majority vote. Please note Field day will be held this year June 14th and parent volunteers are needed.

Miscellaneous:

- 3/19/2018- Shake Shack restaurant fundraiser was a huge success
- Spotlight magazine- is at the printer, copies are being made. There will be an online edition as well.
- International night 4/29/2018 Sunday 4:00-7:00pm we will start setting up in the morning. Last year 13 countries were represented if you are interested this year please contact Deepali. We currently have 8 countries. Need volunteers
- Plant Sale will be on Fun Friday May 11th
- Wellness- 1st tasting was last 2 more tastings will be coming up. Volunteers are always welcome
- Possible book swap on 4/15
- Bank Bus is being re-scheduled to April due to snow storm
- In May nominations will be held for PA Board and SLT
- Looking for volunteers for Nominations Committee:
 - Alyssa Pollack
 - Young Louie
 - Elizabeth Fassler

Meeting Adjourned: 8:27 pm Gina/Young approved