



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q

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

Minutes of PA Meeting – Wednesday, May 12th, 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), Ms. Koatz (Asst. Principal), Mrs. Berkowitz (Asst. Principal), Maria Romero (ASP) and 51 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Violet Haidatov and Alyssa Pollack approved the February minutes.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Migliano

- Thank you to parents for your support. The children are doing great. Everyone is staying positive and staying strong.
- As of now, schools are set to open in September but there has not been much guidance from the Chancellor's office with specifics.
- This time has been very challenging for teachers and students but 196 always maintains the highest standards. The use of Google Meet, Hangout and other platforms is constantly evolving. There has been a lot of positive feedback about all the work the teachers are doing with the children.
- There is going to be a lot of flexibility with grading with an understanding of everyone's challenges and struggles during these difficult times.
- Social emotional lessons are being taught every week to support children at this time.
- The administration is working toward keeping classes together in September as much as possible. Class sizes still need to be maintained and some children might need to be moved based on teacher recommendations.
- Various options for graduation are being researched, "there will be something".
- School will not be ending early. June 26th is still the last scheduled day of school. School will also not be extended.
- Money for the Lion King (5th grade play) will be refunded.
- Mrs. Migliano will speak with Principal Suraci (JHS157 – Halsey) about school tours for 5th graders (incoming 6th graders). Everything depends on DOE direction about how schools are going to open in September.

Treasurer's Report – Budget Recap – Tita Jimmo

- Presented end of March budget because everything is closed and bank statements are not being received at this time.
- There is currently \$74,994 in the account - \$7,000 of that is set aside for 5th grade committee and there are some commitments that still need to be paid like Spotlight and website maintenance, etc. Leaving approximately \$40,000 to start next year.

After School Program – Maria Romero

- ASP will refund 50% or reduce next semester fee by 50% - all refunds should be done by June 25th.
- Little direction from the DOE at this time about reopening of schools, so planning for ASP is challenging but it is understood that there is a need for the ASP to be functioning in order for parents to go back to work. Maria will update parents as soon as she gets more direction from the DOE. Website will be updated as well.
- Email Maria directly if you need receipts

SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Ariana Palacio

Budget Update

The school will be able to rollover the PA grant money and it will hopefully help sustain us through the year.

CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan)

The CEP is on track even with remote learning. iPlan Portal platform, where goals are published, tracked and monitored, is going to

be updated this summer. Any adjustments discussed by the SLT will be entered in July. Our school is in good standing, so we do not need to update iPlan Portal, we monitor internally. SLT will review goals during the June meeting.

COVID-19 Update

Letter was emailed to families regarding Multi Symptom Inflammatory Disease in children. It was explicit and discussed what to look for. The administration is always focused on the children's safety and will continue to send updates to families as they come.

No update yet on when the children will be able to get their belongings from the school.

Remote Learning Platforms

The DOE worked with Zoom and now children are allowed to use this platform. All students will have to set up @nycstudents.net accounts. There are various avenues for teachers to communicate with their students and parents/caregivers including Remind, GoogleMeet, email, calling and office hours. Padlet is being tested and Flipgrid is being used too.

Some of the other programs the teachers are using are Readworks, BrainPop, Generation Genius for science, DreamBox, Cool Math Games, Epic, various virtual field trips, Book Creator, NearPod, Spire, Seesaw and more.

Regarding special education, children with IEPs have remote learning plans. There is tele-therapy available as well.

Teachers are also still focusing on social emotional learning.

Mrs. Levin recommended having students meet virtually to review work with each other.

School Construction

Construction on the new building addition has started again. Their original opening target date of 2021 is not going to be met. The school will need to use the Annex again. Enrollment estimates are currently over 1,000 students for 2020-2021.

Grading Policy

“MT” – meets standards

“N” – needs improvement

Currently, there are 95-100% daily engagement with the children on their devices.

Summer Learning Program

Summer school will be available from July 6th to August 11th, 4 days a week for general education students. For special education students/students with 12-month services, summer school will be July 2nd to August 13th. There will be online lessons – live and recorded. If a child receives an “N” grade, it does not mean they are required to go to summer school.

Looking Ahead (2020-2021)

The school is looking to keeping classes together for next year with a couple of exceptions from teacher recommendations.

The administration is proceeding as if we are going back to the school building in September but also developing a remote learning strategy until further direction is received from the DOE.

Unfinished Business

There is a hiring freeze until further notice.

The current direction is to save teachers' jobs first. If cuts need to be made, office staff will be first, followed by paras then school aides.

Upcoming Events

- Art To Remember – Marcy - deadline was last week, raised \$1,776 – orders will be slow – Indiana based company and with Covid-19 and social distancing rules they are trying to catch up, late order window is now open (until May 31st) and those orders will be shipped after main orders – school will get 15% if we sign up for next year
- School Supplies – Dina – kits approved by Ms. Koatz and grade leaders. No set direction on dropping off supplies at school yet

Unfinished Business

- Spotlight Magazine is almost complete. There will be a printed copy (distribution TBD) and a digital copy available – details to follow
- Still no direction from the DOE when children can pick up their belongings from the school building.
- Guidelines on PA elections – some waivers to the A-660 (aka Chancellor's Regulations) have been approved by the Chancellor including extending the current Executive Board's (non-graduating parents only) term to October 31st, 2020. DOE will be working through the summer to develop a voting strategy that will adhere to the current A-660.

Q&A

- Is there anything we can do for teachers since there will be no teacher luncheon this year? PA will discuss
- Will the school move forward with plans for the garden – yes, will begin when school opens

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm – Closed by Belen Garafalo and Jennifer Trujillo.