



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q
71-25 113th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375
Minutes of PA Meeting – May 21 2019

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:41PM. The meeting was held in the cafeteria.

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) and Sangita Ramchandani (Co-Treasurer).

Mrs. Berkowitz (Asst. Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), Maria Romero (After School Director) were also in attendance. Meeting was called to order by Lizzie Fassler.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Berkowitz

- May 27th No school Memorial Day
- May 28th Parent workshop – internet safety 7pm
- May 28th tickets go on sale for Cinderella \$5 each/t-shirts can be purchased for \$15 each
- May 29th Math field test 4th grade computer based test
- May 29th 5th grade trip to Aladdin on Broadway
- May 30th career day
- June 3rd – 4th grade science written test
- June 3rd SAFE workshop for 3rd grade (allergy)
- June 4th No School Eid Al-Fitr
- June 5th 2nd grade marketplace
- June 5th SAFE workshops for 4th grade
- June 6th no school Chancellor's day
- June 7th Fun Friday
- June 7th SAFE workshop for 5th grade
- June 9th Family Fitness Funday
- June 11th no school Clerical day
- June 12th Kindergarten orientation
- June 14th/June 15th Cinderella performance 7pm
- June 17th Circus Art culminating event 9:45am
- June 18th Carnival Day
- June 18th PA Meeting
- June 20th 5th grade moving up
- June 21st 5th grade dance
- June 26th last day of school

Parent Coordinator – Ellen Maurer

Ellen is retiring at the end of the year. She is working hard on graduation activities. School survey response rate was 78%

Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Maria Romero

- June 4, 6, 11 Full Day ASP
- June 26th ½ day ASP
- June 21st Friday Wacky Party
- Raffle winner reach out about parties
- June 25th last day of ASP

Treasurer's Report

Proposed budget to be voted on at June meeting
Anyone have idea for fundraisers/events let us know

SLT-Amendment of By-laws-Revised SLT By-laws were presented to the SLT for review. "Length of Term and Term limits" now includes specific language referring to the Chancellor's Regulations regarding two (2) year terms and with the one exception being the PA seat on the committee. The other item includes specific language addressing the rules on non-member participation during the meetings and the use of Executive Session. Final draft to be reviewed during next SLT meeting.

CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan)-Mrs. Migliano spoke about the new CEP requirements. Including the use of the term "Areas of Concentration" versus goals as was used the past. The regulations now require separate ELA, Math and Supportive Environment areas of concentration. There can be sub-areas of concentration under the primary items. The first draft is due on June 28th. SLT will review at next meeting.

Garden Fence-Mr. King will examine damage and resolve. Update at next SLT meeting.

Left-handed instruments in the Music Room-Mrs. Migliano will discuss options with Ms. Lee. Update at next SLT meeting.

Lunch Surveys-Survey results based on student feedback from first week of the regular menu being served. Alyssa Pollack reviewed and presented results to the committee. Overall, 76% of responses were in favor of the Regular lunch menu. Mr. King discussed his findings from monitoring lunchroom waste and discussions with the lunchroom staff. The number of trash bags being filled daily seemed unchanged. However, more students were taking lunch which could account for the consistency of the trash bag usage. The question arose as to whether or not the positive feedback on the regular lunch was a function of the novelty of it. Mr. King will continue to monitor the lunchroom to see if the results change. Further discussions regarding the regular and alternative menus will take place at the next SLT meeting. Mrs. Migliano would like more time to review the research on chocolate milk and its potential benefits and health risks.

PA President's Report

Amend by laws for ASP- PA works with ASP, 501C, to be voted on next month

Game show assembly May 28th

June 11th restaurant fundraiser Queens Bully

June family funday- garden event

Spotlight magazine asked for additional \$800 due to additional software to be purchased – approved

Mighty Milers – Dina Halil taking over

School spiritwear - \$700 hopefully will be online at some point

Wellness Council- garden cold bed filled, green team has been working on it. They want to have a butterfly area and are working with local politicians to get funds

Write Stuff school supplies – free home delivery if ordered by 6/23. Packages delivered in mid August. 71 orders so far.

Nominating Committee – Yung Louie and Karen Solomon

SLT – 2 year position- 3 spots open

-people running : Elizabeth Fassler, Lauren Timmons, Alyssa Pollack, Rachel Bialik, Shelly Shalom

President – Deepali Patel-Sagar and Marcy Keltai ran unopposed

VP – 3 spots open

People running: Stephanie Cooper, Yvonne Venezia, Dina Halili, Meredith Kaback, Helen Potter

Secretary – Ariana Palacio and Linda Chan ran unopposed

Treasurer – Tita Jimmo and Sarah Han ran unopposed

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm