

**Parents' Association
of PS196Q**



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

Minutes of PA Meeting – Tuesday, November 17th 2020 - Virtual

Opening: Meeting started at approximately 7:35PM. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board members in Attendance: Linda Chan (Co-President), Ariana Palacio (Co-President). Folu (Fiyinfolu) Balogun (VP), Marcy Keltai (VP), Alyssa Pollack (VP), Anitha Iyer (Co- Treasurer), Vaibhav (Vay) Kothari (Co- Treasurer) Dina Halili (Secretary), Maria Romero (ASP), Mary Pierantoni (Parent Coordinator) and 39 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Meeting called to order – by Ying Lai & Elaine Wong 7:35pm
Rachel B. and Teresa L. approved the September minutes

Introduction of new board members were made.

Unfortunately Mrs. Migliano had to attend another meeting, couldn't make it to this PA meeting.

Mary Pierantoni- Parent coordinator- welcomed everyone, if you need anything you can always email her at MVelezpierantoni@schools.nyc.gov. MELS zoom is being held for 5th graders on 11/18 at 7:30pm via zoom.

Afterschool Program Update – Maria Romero- providing full day program at the FHJC, we have our own space there with our own bathrooms as well as separate exits. Planning to extend the program, In January you can register on a need basis. Maria is working on other programs as well, information will be sent out shortly. Virtual ASP is also available. Additional information for January programs will be sent out soon to parents for Ican Mandarin and chess which will be a 10 week program.

5th Grade Committee- Yeen spoke. Committee has been formed, we are working on the yearbook and seeing what programs can be done for the graduating class. An email was sent out to 5th grade parents to fill out so they can be informed.

Website- Elaine spoke. We are going to start Twitter and Instagram. She is updating the information on our PA website (<http://pa196.org/>). If you have any suggestions, please email info@pa196.org

Backgrounds of the foreground- Teresa spoke. She is working on finding parents to do things monthly. Different rituals, cultures, what do people do during their New year celebrations/traditions. Email teresa.michael@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your culture and heritage.

Virtual Cookbook- Svetlana- this is a work in progress. This is a way to introduce kids to ingredients and put them together. Thinking of starting with breakfast. More to come!

Grade Leads- looking for parents in each grade to get kids together within their grades and be the liaison between the teacher and parents.

Grant Writing- Ying spoke. Fundraising is very important, if anyone want to help please email Ying Lai @ yinglai@yahoo.com

Anti-Racism- Folu spoke. 1st meeting was last week, approximately 20 people joined via zoom, the direction of the committee was discussed. The next meeting will be in December and it will focus on what anti-racism is and how to speak to you kids and tell them what anti- racism is. If you have any questions, please email Folu @ fiyinfolubalogun@gmail.com.

PPE- Sarah spoke about this potential fundraiser. This is an online company a link will be posted shortly. You can purchase masks, thermometers etc and the school can receive a portion of the proceeds.

SLT- Ariana spoke. Next meeting is 11/18, Iplan portal, Breakout rooms- Mrs. Migliano wants all classes to do this. Parent Engagement, PA elections were done.

Treasurer's report- Sarah presented the 2020/2021 proposed budget. Voting will take place next month.

Annual Appeal- Mrs. Migliano didn't think it was a good time to ask during the pandemic. She would like us to do more fundraising.

If anyone's job is price matching and would like to donate, please let us know- info@pa196.org

Another way you can donate to the school is thru Amazon smile- the link is www.amazon.com/smile and then choose our school.

Coffee and Conversation with Mrs. Migliano is held every Tuesday at 11:00 AM via zoom- this is a great way to communicate with her.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm- Elaine Wong and Yvonne Gong