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PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

IN PERSON

Minutes of PA Meeting

Board members in attendance: Elizabeth Fassler (Co-President), Renee Ming (Co-President), Ilana Haas (VP), Lindsey Sweedlund (VP), Rachel Bialik (Treasurer), Marina Tasopoulos-Chan (Secretary)

Quorum was achieved. 34 parents were in attendance in person, and approximately 21 parents were in attendance online.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30pm by Yvette Jong and Yumi Lee.

Welcome and Board Introduction

Approval of June General Meeting Minutes: The June 2023 minutes were approved by Marina Tasopoulos-Chan and Ying Lai.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Migliano

We have had a great opening to the school year. Thank you to parents who helped deliver school supplies to classrooms this summer.

Scheduling: Last year we had more staffing available in the hallway. This year, students enter the building at 8:25 because of safety issues related to the availability of staffing in the hallways. Contractually the teachers don't start the day until 8:30.

Our new *CEP goal highlights* will be sent home to parents soon.

Class size & enrollment: The DOE maximum class size is capped at 25 students in kindergarten, and 32 students in grades 1-5. Current class sizes in our school are tied to funding.

New curriculum in ELA and math: This year we will be using HMH Into Reading and enVision Mathematics. Parent workshops on the new curricula will be held soon.

State testing: Scores have been received and students did great.

Project Art: Project Art is coming back. Students' ProjectArt experience will culminate in a showcase that parents can watch.

Field trips: This year, each grade will go on a minimum of three field trips.

Ms. Koatz -

State testing in grades 3, 4, and 5. This is the first year that grade 5 state tests are required to be done on the computer. Grade 5 testing will likely be done on a different day than grade 3 and 4 testing. Our school has a subscription to TypingClub, which is accessible through teachHub, to help students learn to type and prepare for the online test.

Reminders: Make sure you have NYCSA and TeachHub accounts. Please reach out to the administration if you have any trouble with these accounts.

Ms. Berkowitz-

Special education is off to a great start this year. Please reach out if you have any issues with Operoo.

Afterschool program – Maria Romero

The afterschool program is off to a smooth start. Please reach out to Ms. Romero with any questions or concerns. Flyers went out to families for birthday classroom celebrations. The afterschool program will not be open on Sept. 25th

Parent Coordinator – Ms. Medero

Workshops: There are several upcoming workshops. The dates will be sent out in the parent coordinator's weekly emails. On September 29th there will be a workshop on supporting your child at home which will go over the parent handbook. In October there will be a workshop on middle school admissions. Also in October, there will be a fall craft workshop at PS 144.

Garden: Thank you to parent volunteers. We are in contact with a new vendor for the garden.

Treasurer's Report – Rachel Bialik

The budget for the 2023-2024 school year was presented and approved with majority vote. We have several fundraisers planned, such as the plant sale, picture day, restaurant fundraisers, and the teachers' raffle. Fundraisers will provide funding for events such as the BMX bike show and other assemblies. We have also allocated some funds for possible events such as a cooking

lab and Family Fitness Funday. Our anticipated income for the year is \$80,100, and our current anticipated expenses are \$67,000.

Parent Questions: A question was raised about leftover funds. Leftover funds from the previous year are carried over to the current year. We have money leftover in the budget that was received from the city for Covid vaccinations. To spend money that is not currently accounted for in the budget, the expenditure has to be proposed and voted on by the PA body. Teacher reimbursement: teacher reimbursement was not included in this year's budget since we will be returning to our regular teacher appreciation week events. Funding for field trips: this is handled with the individual classroom teachers.

Committees to be formed: Committees are needed for the Halloween Party, 5th grade committee and International night. Sign-up sheet have been provided. Additionally, volunteers are needed for picture day.

Update on upcoming events: Our first restaurant fundraiser is at Jersey Mike's from September 21st to the 24th. The BMX bike show is coming up on September 28th. This year the bike show has an anti-bullying and bike safety message. Picture day will be on October 2nd and 3rd, and the Halloween Party will be at the end of October.

Spiritwear – Lindsey Sweedlund

New graphics including ones with our new school mascot, Herbie, will be available soon.

Social Media – Renee Ming

Please add the PA on Instagram and Facebook. We will be posting reminders for events there.

Class parents/volunteers – volunteers for class parent are still needed for some classes. An email reminder will be sent out this week.

SLT liaison – Ellen Chu

The SLT is a group of elected parents and teachers who meet monthly meeting to discuss school issues including our CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan).

The SLT met on Friday morning, September 15th. Some meeting highlights included discussing our new CEP (Comprehensive Education Plan) goals, the school year schedule changes due to UFT contract changes concerning professional development, enrollment and class size, and Covid policies.

Feel free to approach the SLT with school wide concerns at ellen.chu@yahoo.com, or email info@pa196.org. All parents can listen in to SLT meetings. Meeting information will be posted on the school's website. The SLT is working on technical issues with sound quality over zoom.

Parent Questions for the SLT: Can we expand the 2nd grade marketplace to other grades? Can there be a direct SLT email to contact with questions?

Q & A

Bylaw amendment proposal: There was a proposal by Adrienne Faya to change PA meetings from in-person to hybrid. At our next meeting we will vote on this proposal.

There was a suggestion to use an air pod to improve sound quality over zoom.

The *Antiracism, Equity, and Inclusion (AEI) group* invites parents to join their first meeting on September 28th. Find more information at <https://linktr.ee/parentsforaei>.

Adjournment – 8:45 pm by Jennifer Martinez and Diana Fernandes

