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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 7:30 - 8:30PM via Zoom**

**Minutes of PA Meeting**

Board members in Attendance: Elizabeth Fassler (Co-President), Dina Halili (Co-President), Ilana Haas (VP), Marcy Keltai (VP), Alyssa Pollack (VP), Anitha Ayer (Co-Treasurer), Rachel Bailik (Co- Treasurer), Elaine Wong (Co-Secretary),

Ms. Koatz, Maria Romero, Kelly Medero + 20 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Call to order @ 7:33pm: Anitha Iyer & Marina Chan

Approve minutes: Elaine Wong & Ilana Haas

**- School Administration Report - Ms. Koatz**

- ELA State testing went well
- Math State tests will be on 4/26 & 4/27 for 3rd - 5th grades
- Science State tests for 4th grade only.
  - hands on portion will be on 5/25 - 5/27 (different classes on each day)
  - written portion will be on 6/6
  - This is the last year that 4th grade will take the Science state test. The new curriculum begins next year and 5th grade will be tested. There will be no state test next year and will begin in Spring 2024.
- Speed bumps will be installed in front of the school by September.
- COVID - more notices but seems to be more stable now
  - Every child will get two kits and instructions to test before returning to school
  - Weekly COVID testing at school (1st - 5th grade)
- 5th Grade graduation 6/22
  - in order to come into the building, adults need at least once shot of the vaccine. Will be checked at the door.
- Kindergarten moving up ceremony
  - Two classes at a time
  - stay tuned
  - limit of two adults per student

- **After School Program Update - Maria**
  - Spring semester is underway
  - 4/15 - 4/22 is the Spring Break and there will be no ASP; will resume on 4/25
  - 5/2, 6/7, 6/9, 6/20 - pending
  - Any questions email [info@afterschoolps196.org](mailto:info@afterschoolps196.org)
  - Fall semester (incoming Kindergarten families) - once families register at PS196, the admin and Parent Coordinator will decide on orientation. Easiest is to email with questions.
  - Possible to add additional language classes?
    - Depends on vendor/companies available
    - Because of COVID, staff isn't available to teach or companies aren't sending staff.
    - Vendor has to have documentation; need enrollment to offer class
  
- **Parent Coordinator Report - Ms. Medeiro**
  - Last push for NYC school survey
  - Last day for envelopes is Thursday
  - Last day for online is Friday
  - Will be working remotely during the break
  - Next week, Summer Rising info will be available. Expected launch of enrollment portal is 4/25
  - Summer Rising will not be at PS196 this year nor the school where it was last year
  
- **Treasurer's Report / Annual Appeal – Anitha**
  - Major income line is going towards 5th grade
    - Just a pass through and will be spend towards 5th grade
  - Company matches
  - Biggest expense line - Annual Appeal pizza parties & website maintenance
  - Revenue came from Halloween party & funds from city for vaccination referral bonus
  
- **Update on Committees & Events in 2022**
  - Nomination Committee/Parent Association Elections
    - Elections will occur in June. Need election to run the PA. If there is no Nominating Committee, there will be no elections, therefore no PA. No PA means no Afterschool Program. We really need volunteers. If you're on the Nominating Committee, you can't run for a position. Please reach out to anyone on the board with any questions or if you're interested in being on the board or participating in any committee. Email [info@pa196.org](mailto:info@pa196.org) for more information.
    - Christina Chang will do Nominating Committee; maybe Luna?
  - School Supplies - Dina
    - soft launch on 4/25
    - kits are set by teachers
    - delivered to home by July
  - Annual Plant Sale - Dina
    - Pick up is on 5/6; this is Pre Sale Only
    - Waiting on pricing; will send out flyers

- Children won't be visiting plant sale; bag and pick up or will be delivered to class
- Art to Remember - Marcy
  - Kicking off Art to Remember fundraiser. Parents can order their kids artwork – which is made into fun keepsakes. Artwork uploaded to our custom website. The order forms will go out 4/25. Will go through early/mid May
  - Percentage of sales will go back to the school
  - Shipped to school and will be distributed to kids
- Restaurant Fundraisers
  - May - Tuscan Hills (TBD)
  - June - Cheeburger Cheeburger
- Anti-Racism Committee – Teresa Liu
  - Chancellor Banks is asking for all superintendents to reapply for their positions
  - Please sign the letter of support for our superintendent, Dr. Tammy Pate
- Spiritwear – Elizabeth Fassler
  - Ongoing and on our website
  - School gave out Spiritwear today to all our students
- Social Media - Elaine
  - Website - Luna will be taking over :)
  - Any volunteers?
  - Please follow us on IG/FB/Twitter
- Thank you to all our class parents!

Volunteer Events will be coming up for Parents - Kelly.  
Restoring school garden

- **SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Alyssa Pollack**
  - No SLT report; the meeting is tomorrow
- Safety Meeting is tomorrow; link will go out again tomorrow morning
- Austin Street Pizza gift card raffle - two winners!
  - Deborah Sachs
  - Sarah Bernett

**Adjournment:** Alyssa Pollack & Teresa Liu