



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q
71-25 113th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375
Minutes of PA Meeting – April 16th 2019

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:39PM. 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), and Sangita Ramchandani (Co-Treasurer).
Mrs. Koatz (Asst. Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), March minutes approved by Tracy A. & Ariana P.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Koatz:

- School DOE Calendar not out yet for 2019/2020- will be out soon
- Construction on the building extension will start end of June with anticipated end date of 9/2021
- We will be switching over to the old lunch menu on May 6th until the end of the year.
- Rachel Wang- 503 won the PS Art 2019 exhibition. Celebration was held at Museum of Art on 4/11. Exhibition will be at the Met until 6/1. Rachel's piece "a River runs through it" was selected from among 1200 entries.
- Julie Aihara Weis of class 502 was a regional winner of the NYS Dept. of Environment Conservation Arbor Day Poster Contest
- Maddy Hellman of class 102 is this year's winner from PS 196 for the Martin Safran Awards. She will receive her plaque and prizes during a special ceremony at the end of May.
- NYS Math Exams (grades 3-5) are being held 5/1&5/2- Make up days are 5/3, 5/6, 5/7 & 5/8
- Might have heard issues with testing- didn't affect us- only schools doing on line testing.
- ELA results usually come out in September- you can check on line at mystudent.nyc
- If you receive a call that your child was absent and in fact they weren't- you can call the office and they will fix it
- Our water is 100 lead free- all Faucets are run for 30 secs and water fountains are run for 3 minutes daily.

Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Stephanie Cooper

- Afterschool program will be closed during the April break
- Newsletters were sent home for all of the enrichment classes for Grades 1-5 (ELA and Math)
- Flyers will be sent home for full day programs 6/4, 6/6 & 6/11

Parent Coordinator- Ellen Maurer-

- As of 4/15 we are at 67% with the Survey you can still fill out on line until 4/25

Treasurer's Report - Sangita

- Voted on budget increase for trip t-shirts +\$800 unanimous vote of Yes.
- Voted in budget increase for Spotlight magazine +\$1000 unanimous vote of Yes.

SLT- Ariana

- Boys bathroom leakage and dirty Kevin took care of it
- Evelyn's replacement 4-6 weeks
- Kids will be getting surveys to answer

- Food Spoilage- expired milk etc., they will keep an eye out for expired food
- Star Student- all kids will have received one by end of year
- Recess benching are for the kids who are not following the rules, kids not listening will sit out
- Maria is monitoring the classes during afterschool regarding the kid's personal stuff in the classrooms they are using.
- Ariana is the liaison between the PA & SLT

PA President's Report

- May Restaurant fundraiser is TGIF
- School Supplies are now live you can order on line
- School Spirit wear you can order
- Spring Jam Laser light show is 4/17
- Mother's day plant sale is May 10th
- International night is May 19th
- Internet Safety is May 28th

Looking for another parent to Co-Chair the restaurant fundraisers so one can attend the night of Wellness- working on setting dates for regular Sat meetings for the garden. Once dates are set parents will know.

5th grade is planning the dance, once finalized parents will get more info

Nominating Committee was formed- Young, Ariana and Karen will be heading it

Send email to Young if you are interested in running

Only 3 seats are available for VP- this is NOT a CO- position

Left handed instruments- there isn't any available- Ariana will mention at next SLT meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm. Alyssa & Katy