



Minutes of PA Meeting- May 15th 2018

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Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:44 PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Attendees:

PA Co- Presidents- Stephanie Cooper & Meredith Kaback
PA Vice Presidents- Shelly Shalom, Deepali Patel- Segar, Karen Solomon
PA Co- Secretaries- Dina Halili & Marcy Keltai
PA Treasurer- Yvonne Venezia
PS 196 Assistant Principle- Mrs. Blimie Berkowitz
PS 196 After School- Maria Romero

- April Minutes were approved by Sangita & Ariana

Principal's Report- Mrs. Berkowitz

- 5/16- Spring Concert 6:30pm
- 5/21 & 5/22 - Kindergarten move-up ceremony
- 5/23, 5/24 & 5/25- Hands on science 4th grade
- 5/30- 5th grade trip
- 5/31- food tasting
- 5/31- 2nd grade market day 8:50 am Cafeteria
- 5/31- K picnic in the backyard

After School Report- Maria Romero

- Classroom celebrations are still going on- please give Maria 3 days' notice to order
- Morning Program- parents can still drop off their kids at 8:30am M-Th for \$5 a day. Last day would be 6/26.
- Wacky Carnival party will be on 6/22 2:10-5:00pm
- Last Day of Afterschool program is Monday June 25th
- K Orientation Breakfast will be held on 6/6 at 9:15am
- Full day programs are still available for 7/7, 7/11, 7/15 and 7/27
- Half day program is available 6/26- 12:00-6:30pm
- June Carnival Wacky After school celebration is on Friday 6/22 from 2:10-5:00

Treasure's Report- Yvonne

- Folding tables for the school- 10 tables for \$60 each- total \$600. Voted- Majority Voted Yes.
- Reviewed proposed budget for 2018/2019 school year. Voting will take place at the June PA meeting

SLT Report- Ariana:

- **C. Koatz – CBT (Computer Based Testing) Field Tests** Ms. Koatz joined the meeting and gave an overview of the CBT system. NYSED (NYS Educational Department) is transitioning grades 3-8 from paper based testing to computer based testing. There is no specific ETA on when the testing will be computer based. Questar (the vendor awarded the contract by the NYSED to develop the new system) is developing

the tool and the field tests will “assess the benefits and drawbacks of the student testing experience on the computer.” The 4th grade at PS196 is participating in Math constructed response field testing on Thursday, May 31st. The test will be limited to one 45 minute session (for each testing group). The results will not be reported to the school or the students. The purpose of the field test is to check the “quality and appropriateness of test items.” The test will be “comparable to the paper based field test in length and question type.” All testing will be online in addition to accommodations being made for students IEPs. The results will not affect your child’s grades in any way as this a “no-stakes” testing environment.

- **Facial Recognition Software/School Camera** - Mrs. Migliano will put in a request for facial recognition software to be part of the new school cameras. She was told she has to work with the police department to get a proposal together for the system.
- **RESO-A Funding** - Funding used for school infrastructure improvement which includes technology projects, whiteboards, auditorium upgrades, playgrounds, wireless connections, etc. The funding is sponsored by Borough Presidents and City Council members. Requests for specific items and amounts of funding happen at the beginning of the year. If funding is awarded, proposals/bids are put together. The best bid wins, construction begins. After the work is completed any extra funds return to the state.
- **Homework Policy During State Exams** - Parents have asked that homework not be assigned during state testing days and other tests and projects be given enough time to work on after the tests are over. This is being discussed with the teachers.
- **Unfinished Business** - A request was made by Mrs. Migliano, for metal doors to replace the doors that exist currently.
- The projection for the 2018-2019 school year is 1,009 students, which will put the school in the range to acquire another security guard. Mrs. Migliano is in contact with Sgt. Heines at the local precinct and will ask about this item.
- Mrs. Migliano is looking to have two cluster teachers for science next year (K-2 and 3-5) depending on the budget.
- Mrs. Migliano is trying to get Related Service Providers sent to the annex to work with children’s IEPs so the children will not have to travel back and forth between buildings.
- Mrs. Migliano stated she hoped any parents concerned with school safety would attend the meeting on April 24th. Notices have been sent out to parents in their children’s folders as well as announced by Ellen Maurer during her weekly calls

Miscellaneous:

- Thank you Michelle K. for all your hard work in the school and PA.
- International night was a huge success!
- Plant sale was amazing!

Nominations for PA Board and SLT:

- Co- President- Stephanie Cooper & Meredith Kaback
- Vice- Presidents- Deepali Patel- Segar, Shelly Shalom, Yvonne Venezia
- Co- Treasurer- Tita Jimmo & Sangita Ramchandani
- Co- Secretaries- Marcy Keltai & Dina Halili
- SLT- Karen Solomon, Ariana Palacio and Ellen Chu

- Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.