



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q

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

Minutes of PA Meeting – October 23, 2018

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:40 PM. The meeting was held in the lunch room.

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), Marcy Keltai (Co-Secretary), Tita Jimmo (Co-Treasurer), and Sangita Ramchandani (Co-Treasurer).

Ms. Berkowitz (Assistant Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), Maria Romero (After School Director) were also in attendance. September minutes approved by Angela Dinkhagov and Mathais Gez.

Principal's Report (Given by Ms. Berkowitz)

There are many events happening in November including Food Drive, Candy for Troops, Family Cook Night, 5th grade and 3rd grade residencies, Fun Friday, Family Fitness Funday, 1st grade and 5th grade field trips, Kindergarten and 2nd grade author visits, parent workshops, picture retake day and Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Chancellor's Regulation A-750 – Abuse
 - All staff are mandated reporters. We are obligated to call in any suspicion of abuse or neglect of a child.
 - We do not need proof, just suspicion that a child is being abused or maltreated. We act in the best interest of the child.
 - Mandated reporters must personally make a call to the state central register if they suspect abuse
 - The reporter needs to notify the principal and fill out the 2221-A form and complete an OORS report.
 - ACS investigates and offers services if needed
 - A service plan is developed
 - There is a tiered response system in place for improved communication between schools and ACS.

Parent Coordinator's Report

- Every grade has project arts residencies that will be starting at different times of the year for 10 weeks.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are on 11/15 : 1pm-3pm and 5pm-8pm

Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Maria Romero

- Phone are still not working great so email is best
- 465 students in the Afterschool program
- 60 students in the early morning program
- No program on Election Day – too chaotic with people coming in and out of the building – safety of the children
- There will be a program on PTC 11/15: 12pm-7pm
- Veteran's Day : 11/12 not sure if there is a program yet. Will be based on if building is available

Treasurer's Report

Please see report generated by the treasurer.

\$19,300 in donation received

Amazon Smile - over \$1,000 in August

SLT

NYS ELA/Math Tests Schoolwide Analysis – K. Hayes: Overall PS196Q improved over last year and had a stronger performance than the city in both areas. In ELA, 379 students took the exam and 92.1% of those students achieved 3s and 4s. In Math, 387 students took the exam and 94.1% of those students achieved 3s and 4s. The administration is currently developing a strategy to continue to support and increase performance in both ELA and math. Unfortunately,

due to delays with the DOE distributing the results, a more specific item analysis was not available but will be reviewed once it is shared with the school.

The MPPR(Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric) will be used during the 2018-2019 school year to evaluate NYC school principals. There will be a priority statement sent to parents when it is completed. The goals are being worked on at the time of this SLT meeting.

AC Annex Update: There have been some unforeseen delays in getting the ACs for the annex. The temple has to run all details through their board and get approval. Their electrical system was not equipped to handle the new units, so the DOE has agreed to upgrade them. The goal is to have them installed and functioning before the weather gets warm again. The ACs for the main building were ordered in Mid-August. The administration is optimistic that they will be installed before the weather warms up.

Alternative Meal Plan: PS196 is on the Alternative Meal Plan because it was voted on by parents last year via Survey Monkey. The SLT is determining if the vote should occur yearly and if the children's voices should be part of the process. This has been an on-going challenge for all schools.

Food Waste in the Cafeteria: The SLT does not currently have any ideas to curb the amount of food waste but are open to hearing suggestions from parents. The food is not allowed to be saved to be donated.

Security Doors: This continues to be a focus topic for the administration. So far, there have been no viable options that meet fire codes, guarantee individual children's safety and that do not open the school up to major construction and potential asbestos issues. Alternative options such as hi-tech door stops, etc are being reviewed as well.

NYPD/FDNY Safety Assemblies: Howard Pollack, a member of the Parent Teacher Team, put Ms. Ginzberg in contact with the 112th Precinct. She is coordinating the assembly.

Let Ariana Palacio know if there is anything you would like the SLT Parents to bring up at these meetings.

Parent Question: Are we using the STEM cart and if so, how? Ariana will get an update.

PA President's Report

-Stephanie & Meredith discussed the procedure for "clocking" during PTC to make sure new K class parents were aware.

-Building security: Everyone MUST show ID to enter and only go where you are supposed to be. Noone is allowed to wander around the building.

Wellness Report:

-Fitness Funday - Karate 11/10

-Gardening 11/3 1pm-3pm

-Family Cook Night 3rd-5th grade: 11/16

Other Stuff:

Picture Retake Day: 11/19

Boston Market Fundraiser in November

Author Visits for every grade

11/2 Bring in leftover Halloween candy for Forestdale and the Troops

Cooking Labs: 3rd-5th grade : making applesauce

Yankee Candle Fundraiser: we need volunteers to help distribute orders

12/12 internet safety program at 7pm – soccerfriends to babysite

PARENT QUESTION: will Ms. Philips have another computer safety parent workshop because the one scheduled conflicts with a K parent workshop.

Spotlight Magazine: flyer will be sent out again

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm