

**Parents' Association
of PS196Q**



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

Minutes of PA Meeting – Tuesday, February 23 2021 - Virtual

Opening: Meeting started at approximately 7:33PM. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Board members in Attendance: Linda Chan (Co-President), Ariana Palacio (Co-President). Folu (Fiyinfolu) Balogun (VP), Marcy Keltai (VP), Alyssa Pollack (VP, Anitha Iyer-Kothari & Vay Kothari (Co- Treasurers) and Dina Halili (Secretary)

Mrs. Blimie Berkowitz (AP), 27 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Meeting called to order – by Elaine Wong and Sangita Ranchandani at 7:33 pm

Elizabeth Fassler and Folu Balogun approved the January minutes

Mrs. Berkowitz- Principal's report- learning is going very smoothly we're getting a lot of really positive feedback from parents from students from teachers. Week of March 1st – 5th is read across America in school and for remote kids. Each day will be a different theme. Discussed the possibility of state testing, Joe Biden put out a letter regarding this to see where the kids stand. The test wouldn't count towards anything. More information to follow. Last day for middle school applications is today 2/23/2021. Feb 24th- March 17th starts the PreK application process. PS196 will only have 1 class and that goes to siblings first. Next week is the 100th day of school. March 4th- parent teacher conferences, will be half day for all students. Covid cases- parents have been really good about reporting any cases both in school and remotely. If anyone is planning to move, please fill out the intent to move form.

SLT- Ellen Chu-meeting is tomorrow, 2/24, it was changed. Any new updates will be brought to the next meeting on March 16th. Any SLT questions, you can reach out to Ellen Chu- ellen.chu@yahoo.com

Elaine Wong- Social Media- Anything you might want posted on Twitter or Instagram please contact Elaine.

5th grade Committee- Dina Halili- The deadline for handing in pictures, dues and surveys is coming up on March 1st. 5th grade committee is working hard on putting the yearbook together. We are trying to see what we can do for the kids in June for graduation. Mrs. Migliano will be getting us more information as she gets it. She is working and checking if we can put a date on the calendar for graduation.

Wellness- Cigall- Last month we had a Karate class as well as Tai Kwan Dow class. Cigall did a relaxation class with the kids as well. We are going to have a fencing class within the next couple of weeks. Parent workshop for single parents was brought up, looking for people who would do workshops pro bono. If anyone has any referrals or suggestions please email Cigall Cigall@gmail.com. She will do all the legwork.

Art to Remember & Stomping Ground Picture day– Marcy Keltai- New deadline for Art to remember is now March 31st. Only 11 students have participated so far. Stomping ground / picture day so far 190 students signed up. Last day for pictures is 2/28 so you need to sign up latest 2/26. Parents were asking about quality and if it is difficult to do. A reminder will be sent letting parents know how easy it is.

Antiracism committee – Fiyinfolu Balogun- Last week there was a meeting led by Jeff, It was about sports. Next month a professor from Baruch will be joining the call, date will be sent for the next meeting. Black history month, some teachers used resources some didn't. Working on making it more universal for each grade. If you want to join the chat the link is:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HGHLkyLq9iNCzrwY67dfxm>

Treasurer's Report- Anitha- Anitha shared her screen and we reviewed the current P&L We received \$200 from our chocolate fundraiser we did in January.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm- Marcy Keltai and Alyssa Pollack.

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