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**PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 20th, 2021– 7:30pm via Zoom**

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

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**AGENDA –**

**\*Tentative and may be subject to change**

- Meeting called to order – set recording and notify attendees – 2 parents to open meeting
- Approval of March General Meeting minutes
- Principal's Report – TBD
- Parent Coordinator – Mary Pierantoni
- ASP – Maria Romero
- SLT (School Leadership Team) Report – Ellen Chui
- Update on committees and events -
  - o Wellness Council - Cigall Goldman
  - o PA - Website, IG and Twitter – Elaine Wong
  - o PA – Facebook – Marcy Keltai
  - o Art to Remember and Picture Day - Marcy Keltai
  - o Anti-Racism Committee – Teresa Liu
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee – Yeen Tham/Dina Halili
  - o Restaurant Fundraisers - Ashley Curran
  - o Grants – Ying Lai
  - o Single Parent Support Group – Sangita Ramchandani
- Treasurer's Report – Budget recap
- Plant sale approval vote
- Discuss Nominating Committee and PA Board and SLT positions open for next year 21/22
- Q&A
- Unfinished Business
- Adjournment – 2 parents to close the meeting

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Minutes of PA Meeting – Tuesday, March 16, 2021 - Virtual

Opening: Meeting started at approximately 7:30PM. 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), Mary Pierantoni (Parent Coordinator), and 20 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Meeting called to order – by Alyssa Pollack and Ellen Chui at 7:30pm

Vay Kothari and Ying Lai approved the February 2021 minutes

Mrs. Berkowitz- Principal's report - discussed guidelines from the state for the state testing. Nothing has been said from the city yet. Information will be sent soon to the parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. If you want to opt out of testing, please email Mrs. Koatz - nothing formal, just an email. Guidelines have changed for quarantining – for spring break, you don't need to quarantine if you travel within the U.S. For international travel, you will have to quarantine for 10 days.

Mary P. Parent Coordinator- the Pre-K application period is open. NYC families with children born in 2017 can apply to pre-K. You can log into your MySchools (<https://www.myschools.nyc/en/>) account to apply or apply by phone at 718-935-2009. The deadline to apply is April 7<sup>th</sup>. If you aren't receiving her weekly emails, please let her know. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm is the deadline to send in your essay to Ms. Koatz for the Martin Saffron Award.

SLT- Ellen Chu-there were 2 meetings since our last PA meeting. Ellen spoke about the budget. We had 912 students, now we have 908. We need to pay back the DOE for the loss of registers, we have already started to pay back. Ellen spoke about the CEP (Comprehension Education Plan) planning in the spring. They are gathering data and will review data at our next SLT meeting in April. Covid/Situation room- very confusing that they are sending letters to some parents and not others. It isn't coming from the school so the parents are getting confused. Lockdown drills and safety protocols have been adjusted. Any SLT questions, you can reach out to Ellen Chu- [ellen.chu@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.chu@yahoo.com)

Wellness- Cigall- held an online fencing class which was fun, Tae Kwan Doe class will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a class for parents on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm on sleep and wellness Cigall is looking for a dance/hip-hop class. If anyone has any referrals or suggestions, please email Cigall [Cigall@gmail.com](mailto:Cigall@gmail.com). She will do all the legwork.

Art to Remember & Stomping Ground Picture day– Marcy Keltai- the deadline for Art to Remember is now March 31<sup>st</sup>. Stomping ground / picture day remote pictures ended March 13<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to see the pictures on April 1<sup>st</sup> online. Deadline to order pictures is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Week of April 5<sup>th</sup> are retakes.

Antiracism Committee – Teresa Liu- the anti-racism committee usually meets on Sunday's at 11:00am once a month. This coming Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> they will just be having a chat and speak about what is going on. Everyone is welcome to join. If you want to join the chat the link is: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HGHLkyLq9iNCzrwY67dfxm>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee- Yeen- focusing on the yearbook, deadline was moved to March 18<sup>th</sup>. Some parents had some issues with the link to add pictures but that was taken care of. Make sure to label all your pictures, have the children take the survey, and pay the \$50 dues.

Restaurant Fundraiser- Ashley- Austin Street Pizza will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 20% of the sales will go to PS196. We are looking at the Pretzel place on QB for early April, date will be sent out. Willy O's will be in late April, date will be sent out as well for this.

Ying Lai- spoke about Grants, she needs some help. If anyone wants to help, please reach out to her. Outsourcing Community Service.

Grade Leads- Ariana thanked all the grade leads for getting the word out to our parents and everything that they do.

Treasurer's Report- Vay- spoke about Amazon Smile, how much we received for 5<sup>th</sup> grade dues, and donations that we received.  
Should anyone want to donate, it's easy. Venmo @PAofPS196Q

Plant Sale- Dina- we are working to do a PreSell only. We will have more information in the next meeting and will take a vote to approve.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm- Sangita and Elizabeth

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