

**Parents' Association  
of PS196Q**



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**71-25 113<sup>th</sup> Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375**

Minutes of PA Meeting – Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 2021 - Virtual

Board members in Attendance: Ariana Palacio (Co-President). Folu (Fiyinfolu) Balogun (VP), Marcy Keltai (VP), Alyssa Pollack (VP), Anitha Iyer (Co- Treasurer), Vaibhav (Vay) Kothari (Co- Treasurer) Dina Halili (Secretary), Maria Romero (ASP), Mary Pierantoni (Parent Coordinator) and 39 parents/caregivers were in attendance.

Call to order @ 7:30pm: Elaine Wong & Teresa Liu

Approve minutes: Marcy Keltai and Alyssa Pollack

**Mary Pierantoni (Parents Coordinator)**

- Candidate forums on Thursday (4/22) and Friday (4/23) both @ 6pm. Serving on citywide education council
- Voting May 1 to May 11
- Mary sent email out to register for forum
- ON 4/26, parents can sign up for Summer Rising Program. It is 8am – 6pm. PS196 isn't on the list of schools hosting it at this time.

**Susan Migliano (Principal)**

- Receiving emails about going 5 days. School is considering it but currently has an A/B plan in place for now. Decision to go to 5 days depending on guidance from DOE about the 3 ft rule. If it is 6 ft distancing rule, 5 days cannot be done. Regarding breakfast, still unclear how this would work. Lunch has been solved to accommodate the influx of formerly remote kids (33 changed from remote to in person). For lunch, half the kids will eat indoors and half will eat outdoors if weather allows.
- Confirmation of 3 ft rule was supposed to be early in April but not communicated from DOE yet.
- Teachers union so far has not approved the 3 ft rule yet, hence the inability to have a final decision at this time.
- Can't compare nearby schools because of the difference in student and teacher census. This factors into the logistics.
- Currently 386 students are currently in blended/in-person @ PS196
- Central (Mayor-Chancellor's office) make the decision on 3 ft rule
- As of now, PS196 is not slated to host the Summer Rising program. That may change when updated lists are sent out

**Maria Romero (ASP Director)**

- Full day program is at FHJC, starting at 8am. Also has afternoon program. This is planned to run this was until June
- Available to all PS196 students and their siblings
- Likely that Fall ASP will be back to usual but still in planning stages. As more information about Fall comes to fore, Maria will reach out and provide information for registration over the summer
- Remote students can participate on an as needed basis

**Ellen Chu (SLT representative)**

- PS196 got back the money we were being asked to pay to DOE for registration. Mrs. Migliano is working out how to spend that money for the school, some of which cannot be rolled over to the next year.
- PS196 per:
  - > Reading (we use Teachers College) was 59.5% in Nov reading on or above grade level (level 3 or 4, respectively), 72.8% in Jan, 76.8% in March. 27.2%/39.6%/46.9% respectively in children with ESL. 31.7%/47.9%/49.6% respectively in children with disability.
  - > Math (GoMath): 49.7% (in levels 3/4), compared to 26.6% in Sept. 52.6%, xxx. 42% compared to xxx

- No difference in performance of blended vs remote students.
- NYS testing is happening this week. 85 remote students are coming in for the test (26/37/42 in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades)

### **Cigall Goldman (Wellness Cmte)**

- Tomorrow will be a movement and relaxation session. It is earth themed.
- Fewer activities now as weather is getting warmer and kids are spending more time outdoors
- If you have any activities or ideas, please reach out: [Wellness@pa196.org](mailto:Wellness@pa196.org)

### **Elaine Wong (Media Director)**

- Culture corner is available on the website w/fun facts and activities
- If you have ideas or things you want posted, reach out to Elaine
- Follow on twitter and IG (PAofPS196Q)

### **Marcy Keltai (Facebook Director & Picture Day)**

- Posts PS196/PA196 information and notices on Facebook. Follow us on facebook
- Picture day is almost done. Pictures are available for viewing and purchase
- Class photos will be put together when all pictures are done

### **Teresa Liu (Anti-Racism Cmte)**

- Next event on Sunday (4/25 @ 3pm). It will focus on sharing information about what people learned from the bystander intervention training sessions. ALL are welcome to attend, even if you didn't attend the bystander intervention sessions (they are free, last about an hour, and are very enlightening + informative)
- Email [Teresa.Michael@gmail.com](mailto:Teresa.Michael@gmail.com) if you have questions

### **Dina Halili (5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- Final stages of yearbook so it will be ready for viewing soon
- Virtual graduation is 6/22. ALL are invited
- Email any ideas or questions you have

### **Anitha Iyer (PA196 Treasurer)**

- 5ht grade income that had been misclassified as part of PA funds so that was clarified last meeting
- \$510 income gotten from donations (including Benevity). Benevity comes from parents setting it up with their employers who make matching donations that the parents make to PS196. Please set this up with your employers if they have this
- Also consider Amazon smile, whereby PS196 is selected as your charity
- TD Alliance is also a donation from TD bank if you bank there
- Other income not reflected as they haven't reached our books yet, particularly restaurant fundraiser
- Teacher gifts: We budgeted \$10,000 and spend \$6,700 in December leaving us with \$3,300. We now need \$3,400 that we would like to take that money from the other line items were the money wasn't spend. PA body gets to vote on whether to approve this money either at our next meeting or an emergency meeting.

### **Plant sale for Mothers' day (Dina Halili)**

- Pre-sale only. In years past, we made about \$3000 profit for the school but not expecting that this year, hopefully a third of it.
- Email will be sent out soon for you to place your orders and then we'll order from the florist. You'll pick up at the cul-de-sac or in front of the school
- Preferred payment methods are Venmo & Check. Cash not preferred at this time.
- Vote performed today – more than 50% voted for it. Approved

### **Nominating committee**

- Two SLT seats and all PA board positions will be available
- Please start considering interest in board positions
- Also need nominating committee: Need 3 people. They'll essentially help with running the nominations and elections

**Adjournment:** Cigall and Elizabeth @ 8.33pm