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Minutes of PA Meeting – November 15, 2016

**Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:37 PM.** The meeting was held in the lunch room. Meredith Kabacki (Co-President), Stephanie Cooper (Co-President), Brenda Zuckerman (Co-Vice President), Michelle Kilinski (Co-Vice President), Yvonne Venezia (Treasurer), Karen Solomon (Co-Secretary), Heather Brown (Co-Secretary).

Katherine Koatz (Assistant Principal), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator), Maria Romero- North (After School Director), were also in attendance.

**Principal's Report – given by Ms. Koatz**

We had great attendance at the Parent – Teacher Conferences- 93%! This is up from 89% last year.

Fun Friday is coming on November 18<sup>th</sup>- the theme will be Social Studies.

No School on 11/24 and 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break.

There will be a Tolerance Workshop on 11/23 at 8am. All parents invited.

Go Math Academy codes have been given out to students. Please note there are only enough codes for PS196 students.

Please make sure to attend next month's PA meeting for the STEM Cart presentation.

**Afterschool Program (ASP) Report – Ms. Maria Romero**

There were Veteran's Day and Parent – Teacher Conference Day programs for students. And there will be no ASP 11/25. Tuesday 11/22 will be the ASP Thanksgiving Day party.

Winter Recess is yet to be determined if there will be a program. If there will be- notices will go home to announce it.

Fall Semester will end 1/31. Sign up for the next semester will start on 1/9/17.

**Treasurer's Report**

Please see report generated by the treasurer.

The Treasurer also noted:

- We earned over \$2000 at the Halloween party.
- Class Trip T-shirts- we are about \$1400 short. So if you haven't paid for your t-shirt, kindly send in the \$6 per shirt. Class parents to send a reminder.
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser raised \$2800! Tasneem was the highest seller!

### **SLT Report – Ariana Palacio**

Please bring any school concerns to the SLT to be addressed.

The sock drive was a success. Next up: Partnering with Meals on Wheels and Toys for Tots. Souper Bowl canned food drive coming in January. Our school's goal is to have one volunteer activity per month.

BMX Anti-Bully Assembly was discussed and was well – received. “Respect for All” Week coming in February.

Recess Activity with E3 was discussed and will be put to a vote at the next (December) PA Meeting.

PA Bylaws need to be updated to have (3) VPs. We need to have a vote. There were no comments mentioned at the meeting. This will be voted on at the next PA Meeting (December).

### **Wellness Committee (WC)**

This Saturday will be Yoga at 10 am. Next month: Capoeira!

The WC applied for a grant on Mindfulness.

The garden had a great summer and was recently closed up for the winter. The next meeting will be in March. Next year, the WC is looking to have more variety in the garden!

Volunteers and Suggestions are welcome.

### **PA President's Report**

The PA website has gone live! Check it out at [pa196.org](http://pa196.org). You can also make it an app on your phone!

Some other fundraising ideas have been floated around but need champions:

- Restaurant Fundraisers at Chipotle and Cheeburger Cheeburger
- Kidstuff Fundraiser
- Plant Sale- Deepali, Dina, Karen signed up

Author visits are happening in December!

Test prep books coming before Christmas break.

**Closing:** \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM