



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q
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Minutes of PA Meeting – April 25, 2017

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:36 PM Meeting held in the lunch room.

Meredith Kaback (Co-President), Stephanie Cooper (Co-President), Brenda Zuckerman (Co-Vice President), Yvonne Venezia (Treasurer), Karen Solomon (Co-Secretary), Heather Brown (Co-Secretary).

Susan Migliano (Principal), Maria Romero (After School Director), Ellen Maurer (Parent Coordinator) attended.

Principal's Report – given by Ms. Migliano

- Kindergarten has a waiting list of 60 children. There will be 8 kindergarten classes (200 Children) in September 2017.
- There will be over 1000 children in the school for the 2017 – 2018 school year.
- Physical Education Initiative: All children will receive 120 minutes of physical education each week.
- Security: Now that the school will have over 1000 children, we should be eligible for an additional security guard.
- Technology: Teachers have all received new laptops; all classrooms have new smart boards, as well as a new school IPAD cart with IPADs for an entire class to use.
- STEM Cart Training: Teachers will begin professional development for using the STEM Cart.
- E3 Sports: Recreation activities will be available indoors / outdoors for children during lunch time. The school is purchasing more games for upper grades. A 3rd E3 Sports instructor is being added to provide more engagement with the children.
- Math State Tests: May 2, 3, and 4

Dates to Remember:

May 1	Special Education Parent Workshop @ 8:00 a.m.
May 5	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon from Parents Association
May 6	Family Fitness Funday
May 10	School Leadership Team Meeting @ 7:45 a.m.
May 12	Family Fun Friday @ 8:15 a.m.
May 12	Mother's Day Plant Sale
May 16	Final Star Student Awards 7:00 p.m.
May 16	Parents Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.
May 17	Parent Engagement Evening 5:00—8:00 p.m.
May 18	School Leadership Meeting 7:45 a.m.
May 18	Career Day
May 18	Coffee & Conversation 8:15 a.m.
May 22	International Night 6:00—8:00 p.m.
May 24	Data Tech Meeting A New Look at Computer Science @ 7:45 a.m.

May 24, 25 & 26 4th Grade Science Performance Exams

May 29 MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL Closed

Parent Coordinator's Report – Ms. Ellen Maurer

- 5th Graders will be going to see the Broadway play Wicked on May 21, 2017. Parent volunteers will be selected by a random drawing held in each 5th grade class.
- 5th grade trip to the Freedom Tower is scheduled for May 16, 2017.
- 5th Graders are selling chocolate as a fundraiser.
- 2 adults per child will be able to attend Graduation
- Moving Up Ceremony for Kindergarten is scheduled for June 2, 2017.

Afterschool Report – Ms. Maria Romero

Afterschool will be sending out a newsletter in May informing parents of the activities the children are involved with this semester.

Holiday Camp will be available in June: June 5, 12, 26 and 28. Flyers will be going out soon. Wacky date tba.

Treasurer's Report

Please see report generated by the treasurer

3 Votes For The Parent's Association:

Vote#1

Happy Hearts Fund: To begin a fund to provide children in need with trip money, scholastic book fair monies etc. This fund would also provide classrooms that do not have a Class Parent Volunteers with funds to have parties throughout the year. This fund was previously called the Principals' Fund. **Vote: 25 Approved, 0 No's, 0 Abstentions.**

Vote #2

Teacher Appreciation Day: funds are requested to provide teachers with mini massages as a thank you on Teacher Appreciation Day. \$1125.00 is needed. **Vote: 25 Approved, 0 No's, 0 Abstentions.**

Vote #3

The PA is requesting to use \$1700 in funds to purchase class trip t-shirts for the upcoming school year. The PA will ask families to pay \$7 per shirt. A large portion of these funds will be returned to the PA account. **Vote: 25 Approved, 0 No's, 0 abstentions**

SLT Report

School will be surveyed to see what accommodations can be made regarding space. There is a waiting list of 60 children. Parents in the community are very upset. They have started a Facebook petition as well as one on change.org. They have contacted local assembly member, media and made a trip to the Governor. This influenced the DOE to add an additional kindergarten class for the fall 2017 school year. DOE stated that since waiting lists fluctuate all children on the w/l should receive a seat. This seems to be a re-occurring issue. We need a plan for the future. Several parents are interested in working on a committee.

Mindfulness Program

We received 95% positive feedback from students on the mindfulness program.

International Night Thursday May 22, 2017

Families are invited to set up a display from their home country. In addition, we will be having a potluck and families attending are encouraged to bring a dish or make a donation if you chose not to bring food. Each Class is encouraged to make a basket that will be raffled off at the event. We are also accepting donations for gift certificates from local businesses. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, help with raffles and more! Please contact Tasneem if you are interested in Volunteering.

Closing: _____ Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM