



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q  
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Minutes of PA Meeting – October 18, 2016

**Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:32 PM** The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Meridith 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**

Lost and Found

Look for your child's clothing in our lost and found. To ensure that your child's belongings are found, please label everything.

Changing Weather

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Each day the children will have outdoor play. Children need hats, scarves and mittens to enjoy time outside.

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Gifted and Talented Test information was sent home. To register for the test, please sign up online.

Important Dates

November 2<sup>nd</sup> report cards will be sent home.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences, no lunch served, noon dismissal, afterschool services provided  
Afternoon Session 1 – 3 PM, Evening Session 5 – 8 PM

November 7 BMX Anti-bullying Assembly

November 14 – Open School Week

Nov 15 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Nov 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Nov 17 – Prek / 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nov 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

November 17 Coffee and Conversation with Principal Migliano

November 19 Fun Friday

November 21 Essay Contest "What Are You Thankful For?" Must apply online, all k – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible

November 21 Data Tech Meeting 6 PM

November 28 Tour for In-Coming Kindergarten Parents

Please make sure to read the Principal's Newsletter each month for all upcoming school events

#### Test Sophistication

For 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that will be taking the ELA exams, parents will be receiving a flyer to purchase test prep books. Parent Coordinator will be sending home flyer in the next 2 weeks.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Applications will be going home in November

#### **Afterschool Report – Ms. Maria Romero**

400 students are currently enrolled in afterschool

58 students are currently enrolled in morning program

Chess Club classes are still open on Monday and Thursday grades k – 5.

ELA and Math classes are still available for Grades 1 and 3

No full day program on November 8 – Election Day

Half day of fun will be available on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon to 7 PM

Veteran's Day – full day of fun available from 8Am – 6:30 PM

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Please see report generated by the treasurer

#### **SLT Report**

The School improved in our ECL test scores

The School slipped slightly in our Math scores

Social Studies new curriculum for grades k – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children will now use trade books, resource books, and magazines instead of textbooks.

The School is considering this curriculum for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well.

We are still looking into purchasing a STEM lab which would come with staff development training and support.

Principal Migliano is looking at various companies. At the December PA meeting STEM company will do a presentation for parents.

SLT Elections – 1 spot is available: Bruce Grossberg and Yvonne Venezia nominated as candidates.

Yvonne Venezia was elected by majority of votes. Paper ballots were used to determine the outcome.

#### **Wellness Committee**

Indoor Recess Activities such as yoga videos will be shown to the children so they can move during the day and when there is inclement weather.

Garden Committee – meeting scheduled for Sunday October 23 at 10:30 AM

Zumba for Families – Sunday, October 23

The Wellness Committee is encouraging healthy snacking and eating at school and at home. We encourage healthy school celebrations and no goody bag policy.

Volunteers and Suggestions are welcome

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**

Volunteers are needed

Bake Sale November 3 and November 8

Donations of baked items as well as healthy treats are needed to raise funds for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Events

Dues are being collected which fund:

5<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirts

Trip / Lunch

Prom

Graduation

Yearbook

Friday, October 21 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Planning Meeting

### **School Fundraisers**

Yankee Candle Sale

Spirit Wear – PS 196 clothing, blankets, baby onesies, some items have bling!

Order forms will be sent home next week.

School Photos

Monday, November 14, 2016

Re-take Day if you missed picture day or did not like your child's photos you must sign up for re-take day. Volunteers are needed. Start time is 8:45 AM

5<sup>th</sup> Grade photo will also take place on this day.

Committee signup sheets are available on the back table during the PA meetings.

Halloween School Party

Sunday, October 30, ticket sales at the door

Advance Ticket Sales

Saturday, October 29 from 1 – 3 PM

Halloween Meeting following the PA meeting tonight

Class Parent Meeting following the PA meeting tonight

**Closing:** \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM