



Parents Association of P.S. 196Q
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Minutes of PA Meeting – September 19, 2017

Opening: Stephanie Cooper started the meeting at 7:07 PM The meeting was held in the lunch room.

Attendees:

PA Pres(Stephanie Cooper, Meredith Kaback)
PA VP(Deepali Patel-Sagar, Shelly Shalom , Karen Solomon)
PA Sec(Marcy Keltai, Dina Halili)
PA Treasurer(Yvonne Venezia)
PS196 Principal: Susan Migliano
PS196 Asst. Principal (Catherine Koatz_
PS 196 Parent Coordinator (Ellen Maurer)
PS 196 Afterschool (Maria Romero)

Principal's Report

- 12 New teachers: science, gym, yoga, four Kindergarten, one 3rd grade, one 2nd grade, one 5th grade, two 12:1 classes
- talked about Compassion Harmony program
- need additional crossing guard and security guard. Karen Koslowitz is involved. New Class is graduating in October so hopeful we will get assistance at that point
- Discussed the possibilities of getting another agent since we now have over 1000 students
- Project Arts: Prek-K: Dancing around the world, 1st grade: Puppetry, 2nd grade: Circus Arts, 3rd grade: Broadway, 4th grade: Hip Hop, 5th grade: Dancing Classrooms
- Upcoming Events:
 - September 26-27: picture day
 - October 3: BMX anti-bullying assembly
 - October 6: Fun Friday
 - October 15: Family Fitness
 - October 17: PA meeting
 - October 19: Coffee and Conversation w/Migliano
 - October 29: Halloween Party 4-7pm
- All students are on GoMath/ThinkCentral
- Reading Eggs

Afterschool Report:

- 32% of students are participating in afterschool which is a big number. That is amazing.
- Maria explained how the afterschool process works from getting the kids from class at the end of the day to dismissal.
- Parents / Guardians MUST have ID to pick child, this is a DOE rule
- Maria's cell phone 339-788-7797 if you have any issues
- Birthday celebrations you can go thru Maria and order cupcake, however, please make sure you have your teacher's approval first

Parent Coordinator Report:

- Ellen talked about middle school application process

Treasurer's Report

- Voted to increase Smencil fundraiser budget from \$575 to \$1000. It was approved- 43 Yes / 0 No
- Annual Appeal: To date we have \$5,000, all donations are tax deductible
- Budget-currently reimburse teachers \$150 for supplies. Talked about increasing that amount. Will find out how many new teachers there are in the school and revisit this.

SLT

- Ariana explained the purpose of the SLT

PA President Report

- Class Parent/Class List – within next 2 week class parents will be selected and there will be a meeting to discuss responsibilities
- Wellness Council – Meredith spoke about garden, Eat a Rainbow Week, Family Fitness Days, Mindfulness Program
- School Pak – may explore other options to ship directly school, new parent volunteers will work with Ellen
- Halloween Party set up will take place Saturday night 10/28, Party is on 10/29 4:00pm – 7:00pm
- Sunshine Fund- New Parents to take over
- Spotlight Magazine- Showcase Student Artwork

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 PM