

PS 101Q Parent Association Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Nov. 15, 2016
8:15 a.m.

Board members present: Sarah Payne, Lisa Suzuki, Adina Konheim, J.J. Rowe, Marybeth Christiansen and Fadia Mohama. Eighteen parents attended the meeting.

Welcome and Thank You: Co-President Sarah Payne introduced the special guest speaker, Mr. Moss, who talked with parents about the social studies program at 101.

Moss showed parents the social studies information available online at www.PS101q.org. He explained that he worked with Mr. Hyman to find credible websites and links to help with enrichment at home. Students also can use the links to create lapbooks, a portfolio of student work that uses folded displays. The lapbooks can be done as extra credit in the lower grades, or can be used as one of the appetizers on a learning menu in the upper grades. The links also may be used to create interactive notebooks.

Special Award: The PA presented Ms. Fahey with a plaque to acknowledge that she received tenure in June. Principal Paniagua said Fahey has been at the school going on seven years and is an asset to 101. Payne thanked her for her work at 101, especially for her help scheduling residencies for the PA.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the October meeting. Motion approved.

President's Report:

-- Monster Mash: Payne said the accounting was not done yet, but the PA probably made a couple thousand dollars. While the aim of Monster Mash was not to make a profit, it did make money due to the number of people who attended. It was a huge volunteer effort, but Payne said only six people helped to clean up. It did not take long, but would have gone faster with more help.

-- December PA Meeting: The Dec. 20 meeting will take place during the evening. To encourage parent attendance, the PA has invited Soccer Friends to have a soccer class for ages 3 and up during the meeting.

-- Parent/Teacher Social: The PA will sponsor a Parent/Teacher social at Reef in January.

-- Direct Giving Campaign: The PA has run a direct giving campaign in December for two years in a row. The first year \$24,000 was raised and last year almost \$30,000 was raised.

The PA wants to do it again and is looking for people to help. There was a link in the Weekly that lists the help needed, including coming up with a theme, creating advertising posters and communication to parents. A lot of it is done online. If interested, e-mail Payne at co-president@pa101.org.

-- Talent Show: The show is scheduled for January 21. It is something the PA has done for the last two years. Volunteers are needed.

-- Residency Updates: Kindergarten has started its Queens Zoo residency. Fifth grade kicked off Mad Science this month. Students have received two square dancing lessons as part of a residency offered by the PA. The Family Square Dance is scheduled for Saturday.

Treasurer's Report: Adina Konheim went over the October financial statements. She said right now things look great and we are in the black. The PA is raising a lot of money, but it is also giving a lot back to the school. Gifts from the PA include about \$20,000 for items such as residencies, air conditioners and Smart Board repair.

-- Konheim proposed increasing the number of yearbooks ordered from 270 to 300 because they sell out and 101 has a large fifth grade this year. A motion was made to increase the budget to \$6,500. Motion approved.

SLT Report: School Leadership Team member Jaisi DiCicco explained what the SLT is working on and the main parts of the Comprehensive Educational Plan. One of the goals this year is to increase engagement with new families at the school (not including kindergarten). On Monday there is a breakfast for new parents, who should have been notified by e-mail or letter. The next SLT meeting is Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports:

-- Middle School Choice: The PA is discussing forming a middle school committee to improve communications for parents going through the application process. The plan is to have an event this spring for fourth grade parents to help them prepare for the application process in the fall. Those who would like to volunteer or have any suggestions should e-mail the PA at contact@pa101.org.

Old Business:

-- Bylaw amendment: Executive Board meetings, according to the bylaws, have to be on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. That time is not convenient for the current board, and it is proposing to amend the bylaws so it can meet on Mondays after the first period bell. The proposed amendment was read at the last meeting.

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A motion was made to approve the bylaw change. Motion approved.

New Business/Upcoming Events:

- Parents as Learning Partners: Scheduled on Friday. Check with class parents.
- Family Square Dance: On Saturday at 1 p.m.
- November Community Service Initiative: Vice President Lisa Suzuki said the school is doing its community service initiative this month. The classes have chosen a lot of different charities to support, including a food pantry and collecting socks for homeless shelters. Originally the deadline was the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to bring in donations, but many people have asked about extending the deadline to the end of the month. She said she is going to check whether there is room to hold on to the donations that long. Class parties will focus on community service instead of a Thanksgiving meal.
- Scholastic Book Fair: DiCicco said the fair is scheduled for Dec. 12-16. Parent volunteers are needed to help set up books in the gym. People also are needed to help kids select books, help with the cash register and clean up after the fair.
- Biobus: The last visit is Nov. 21 for kindergarten and sixth grade. More chaperones are needed. Volunteers can sign up online.

Meeting Adjourned

