

PS 101Q's Parents' Association Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 17th, 2019, 7:00

Attendance: Quorum was met as over 25 members were in attendance.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes: the Minutes were presented and approved.

Special Topic: New Curriculum

Our current math and science programs do not adhere to Next Generation Standards (NGS) which will roll out in Fall 2020. Statewide tests will be based on these standards in spring 2021. SLT will vote later in May on when to change the math program. They have already reviewed science programs and would like to change next year if funding can be found. Otherwise the program will roll over multiple years to a few grades at a time.

Based on their recommendation and presentation SLT has unanimously voted to use Elevate Science program going forward.

Two teachers presented (Ms. Saleman and Ms. Wyzinski) keep highlights of the program. Key information is

- Program adheres to new standards.
- Program has more classroom support including worksheets and demonstrations. Lab materials are pre-packaged.
- Program has ELL recommendations and other features that allow for better differentiation in class.
- Level texts are included in the program to support a wide level of reading ability.
- Workbooks are included.
- DOK questions (Deeper Order Knowledge) are included to aid in assessment.

While Next Generation Standard compliant programs are not required until fall of 2020 the SLT would like to move to this program in Fall of 2019. Additionally, the SLT desires to roll this out to the whole school at the same time vs. rolling out to a few grades at a time. There is not enough funding to make this change in the time frame requested.

A vote to fund the one-time cost of up to \$40,000 was taken and passed unanimously. Materials will be ordered and paid for out of this fiscal year and the school will start Elevate Science in the Fall 2019.

Additional Items:

New gardening materials such as mulch have been ordered. Bathroom decals are also being put up. Research into a new projector for the auditorium is underway.

The school will have improvements to the Media Center and to the Art supply room funded by the DOE. Over the summer new Promethean boards from a grant will be installed and bathroom renovations funded by participatory budgeting are planned for summer as well. School has also received a grant to get support from Asphalt Green. Coach Awesome has been at recess demonstrating novel ways to play and be active to the students.

Several upcoming events and programs were mentioned including

- Fun Run (5/11 - Nancy Llamas),
 - Token charms sent out to students
 - Event to have bouncy houses and face painting for a fee.
 - Families must sign up by 4/29 to ensure they get a T-shirt.
- Cook book (Melissa Cruz) submissions still needed.
- Teacher Appreciation Lunch (5/7 Fadia Mohama). Thank you cards for the teachers are due 4/30.
- Parent social (5/14) will be at cobblestones in the evening.
- International Dinner will be on 6/5

Yearbooks are still for sale and will increase to \$40 soon. School supply kits are on sale from our vendor until 6/30. Official kick off emails will go out after April break.

Financial News: After School Payments have been collected. Year to day gifts is close to \$66,000. The first grade residency is getting started but full costs are not in the most recent financials.

Jaisi DiCicco presented detailed information about upcoming PA board elections and SLT elections. Previously accepted nominations and floor nominations were accepted. Nominations closed at the end of the meeting. Details about voting will be sent via email to ensure all parents are informed about where and how to vote.

- PA President: Nancy Llamas
- 1st VP: Jane Obadia
- 2nd VP: Laura Kujo
- 3rd VP: Melissa Cruz
- Co-Recording Secretaries: Adina Konheim and Raymond Tu

- Co-Communication Secretaries: Fadia Mohama and Sarah Payne
- Co-After School Program Coordinators: Joel Halsey and Liann Liebman
- IT Secretary: Tom Miale (and Omar Nazem –stepped down meeting)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa Zurndorfer-Suzuki
- 1 Year SLT Parent Member for 19-20: Robert Jancu

Contested Roles

- Treasurer: Valeria Vavassori-Chen and Suzanne Flannery (running together) or Sonam Kumar
- Parent Engagement Liaison: Hillary Ortiz or Tamara Siddiqi
- 2 Year SLT Parent Member for 19-21 : Saba Khan or Nonya Khedr

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