

**PS 101Q's Parents' Association Inc.**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 17th, 2018, 7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Quorum was met as over 15 members were in attendance.

Tom Miale opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and acknowledged that he was glad to see new faces present.

**Guest Speaker:** Mr. Hyman, who teaches Media Arts, was the guest speaker for the evening. He reviewed the various programs that the students and parents can use and how to log in to those programs.

Myon - A reading application that is interactive; highlights the words as the story is read to the student. There are youtube tutorials if additional help is needed logging in. Usernames and passwords will be sent home this week.

IXL - An interactive math app that can track a student's progress and is aligned with common core standards. Teachers might assign students to use the app for a certain amount of time as homework; can also use it on their own.

Mr. Hyman then discussed how he works in conjunction with Mr. Sansaricq (music) and Mr. Moss (social studies) to connect themes such as Spanish Heritage Month. He explained that as he is teaching the students Media Arts, technology is being integrated throughout the classes. For example, 4th graders learn to use Microsoft Paint and are also learning how to save to a flash drive as well as edit their work and 5th graders learn coding by creating a website.

The school has recently received 12 Promethean Boards from a grant from Karen Koslowitz and more will be coming later this year. The boards allow up to 10 students to work on the board at a time. Students can participate in real time polls, work collaboratively via their laptops and send their work to the board so the entire class can view it. Mr. Hyman noted that it increases the level of engagement during classes and allows teachers to anonymously poll students to see if they are having trouble understanding any concepts in a lesson. In order to make sure the school effectively uses all of the Promethean Boards' features he participates in a monthly webinar.

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were presented and approved.

**Residencies:** Laura Kujo shared an update on residency programs for all grades. She explained that residencies are 10 week enrichment programs that support and expand on concepts being taught by PS101 teachers. Various educational vendors are presented to all grades and the teachers decided on the vendor and topic. Residencies are paid for by the Parents' Association; monies are generated from fundraising events and the after school program. Residencies for pre-K, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade have started. Kindergarten's residency will begin later this month

and 1st and 4th grade will start in the spring. Laura is working with the school to schedule 2 family visiting days for each grade so they can see what their students are learning.

**Financial Report:** Valeria Vavassori-Chen and Suzanne Flannery, co-treasurers, distributed and reviewed the financial statement from July 1, 2018 - October 15, 2018. Also distributed and reviewed was the year to date gift summary of items and trainings that have been paid for by the Parents' Association; total amount of gifts from July-September 2018 was \$11, 282.29.

Sarah Payne, co-president, noted that the air conditioners and the social emotional training program are purchased by the Parents' Association as well. The new social- emotional program, Ruler, will be highlighted at the next meeting.

Two actionable items were presented, discussed and approved by vote.

1. Yearbook budget was increased from \$6,500 to \$8,500 as the 5th grade is larger this year therefore the book will need to be larger and additional pages added.
2. Monster Mash budget was increases by from \$3,500 - \$5,000.

Please see attached financials for complete details.

**Monster Mash:** The Monster Mash chair, Tamara Siddiqi, was not present so Sarah Payne presented the update. Event will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 1:00 pm in the school yard. Tickets are for sale on the PA website; some people had trouble with the link. Please use Chrome as your browser; people can email [contact@pa101.org](mailto:contact@pa101.org) if they want to purchase tickets and someone will help. Tickets will also be available at the door that day. Monster Mash t-shirts sales close tonight; a small number of shirts will be available the day of the event. Baskets, made by each grade, will be raffled off as a fundraiser.

Volunteers are still needed for set up, clean up, baked goods as well as a person to manage the games area.

#### **Current Business:**

PA Executive Board Co-Parent Liaison Election - Lisa Suzuki, former Executive Board member, has put herself forward for the position. Lisa has previously held the Class Parent Liaison position. Sarah Payne asked if any other people would like to be considered for the position. No one present expressed interest. Lisa was nominated and the secretary cast a vote to accept her nomination as did the the other members present.

By Law Changes - Changes to two By Laws were presented and approved. Please see attached for complete details.

1. Executive Board meetings will now be held 15 minutes after the first bell on a weekday that is agreed upon by the current Executive Board and will be communicated to all families at the first PA meeting of the year.

2. The evening PA meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month at a time determined by the current Executive Board.

Call for Volunteers As noted above volunteers are needed for Monster Mash on Saturday, October 27th and for picture retake day on Monday, November 5th.

**Upcoming Events:** Tom Miale, co-president, shared information regarding the several events.

*A parent social* will be held at Cobblestones Pub on Monday, October 22nd from 6-8pm.

*Monster Mash* will be held on Saturday, October 27th from 1-4pm.

Assistant Principal Fahey will be leading a *Middle School Workshop* at the school on Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm.

*Sibling and retake picture day* will be held on Monday, November 5th. Everyone should have received an email; you must complete a form in order for your student's picture to be taken that day.

Tom Miale thanked Thinking Cap for providing their counselors to watch students during the meeting.

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