

PS 101Q's Parents' Association Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 18th, 2018, 8:10 AM

Attendance: Quorum was met as over 70 members were in attendance.

The social studies cluster teacher Mr. Moss presented on several topics. He reviewed African American history month program from the prior year and introduced Hispanic heritage month modeled off the same framework. The month will introduce children to notable individuals, cultures and traditions from both Hispanic and Latin communities around the world. All clusters will participate in this unit. Roberto Clemente will be one of the focal points for this multi-disciplinary unit.

A lapbook is on the website for student who wish to do a social studies extra credit project on this topic. (Mr. Moss suggested including about 5 pages for the lapbook)

<http://ahyman2.wixsite.com/mediaarts/blank-hl2vm> Children are also invited to do a sports card for gym for a Hispanic or Latin athlete. The rotunda will be decorated and an assembly with live music will be offered. Parent Nancy Llamas has been an active participant in helping launch this new program at PS 101.

Ms. Paniagua introduced our new Parent Coordinator: Mariela Rivera, mriviera163@schools.nyc.gov. She also shared some personal reading and research over the summer. She was struck by how successes that arise when communities work together.

Laura K. gave an update on the residency program. All grades participate in an external vendor enrichment program selected by the teachers. Laura plans to arrange a visiting day, so parents can see what our residency partners are doing.

- Pre-k, 2nd and 5th will work with Mad Science.
- K will partner with the Queens Botanical Garden.
- 1st will do Wingspan arts. (In spring)
- 3rd has a Solar One program.
- 4th with participate in Ballroom Dancing. (In December)
- 6th will do stop motion animation.

Tamara S., our Monster Mash chair, spoke briefly about the Monster Mash Halloween party which will be held 10/27. There will be a 9/27 kick off meeting. A bake sale will be chaired by Melissa C. Raffle baskets will be done by each grade.

Co-Treasurers Suzanne Flannery and Valeria Vavassori-Chen gave a financial update. The PA hopes to gift \$120,000 to the school based on the budget. Last year we gave the school \$104,000. Examples of gifts were residencies, rugs, a/cs, assemblies, gym equipment and other items. Funds come from afterschool and other fundraisers including the annual giving program and the auction.

Parents were informed that an election for the co-parent liaison will occur next PA meeting. Folks that are interested can sign up on the PA website. Candidates do not need to attend the October meeting to run.

Potential by-law changes were reviewed. These were related to the executive board meeting schedule and the time of the evening PA meetings. A call for volunteers for head check, picture day and scholastic book fair was made. A class parent for K-13 was still needed. Picture day will be run by a new vendor. Prepayment forms will not be used. Bookfair planning is underway and the reading contest for students was mentioned. The caller Pat Cannon would do a 2-hour square dance session from 2-4. Light refreshments are planned.