



**PS 99 Q Parents Association
General Membership Meeting, Thursday October 15th**

Please note that due to situation with the COVID-19 epidemic, this meeting was held live remotely via Zoom

Co-President Miriam Kessler commenced the meeting at 6:00pm. 20+ attendees over Zoom

Attendance:

Staff: Mr. Sforza, Mr. Reid, Ms. Connell

Board: Miriam Kessler, Irina Peschan, Michel Leroy, Kathy Bolanos, Jeff Zimmer, Lisa Fu, Elena O'Neil & Chris Lee

Principals' Report: Principal Nicholas Sforza provided updates, including the following:

- Returning to school: We're projected to return October 22nd. No official word on that yet. Current status: We're full remote which he believes is going well. He is popping in and seeing as many lessons I can. All our services are being met. All our kids are being serviced by their teachers are related service advisor doing their job including ENL and so forth. The transition was smooth because we were kind of set up this way anyway.
- More parent webinars.
- Professional Development (PD) Day (10/16) for the staff and parents. There won't be live lessons. PD helps the staff get better at remote learning. Trying to provide as many strategies as possible and online programs (I.e. Think Central, Lexia, etc.). Parent workshops @ 1pm. Includes: Think Central and a refresher in Google Suite, specifically, Google Classroom.
- SLT meeting will get rescheduled to 10/26.
- Fundraisers, annual candy sale. 100% online. The school gets 40% of what is generated.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Zimmer, Treasurer

- Presented the previous month. Not much of a change and paid out one line item for the phone blast.
- A check received from Irwin Simon, that will need to get deposited (\$3,000).
- Hopes to utilize the funds toward the Teacher's Wish List.
- That last thing will be the end of the month. Jeff will have the financial reports from 2019-2020, the last fiscal you know, school year. That's due back in July. But due to COVID it was pushed to October 31st

Fundraising & Tech-drive

- Covered by Principal Sforza.



Picture Day Announcement: Michael Leroy, Vice President

- Talking to two different organizations.

Non-Profit Announcement: Miriam Kessler, Co-President

- 501(c)(3). We're looking to become a non-profit organization this year and is looking for assistance from anyone who knows how to manage/start up a 501(c)(3) to receive tax exemptions from corporate donations and utilize things like Amazon Smile.

Class Parents: Miriam Kessler, Co-President

- What should a class parent do? The number one thing to do is for parents to reach out to their child's teacher letting them know that you want to be the class parent and that you're there for them to help build and maintain an inclusive classroom community via phone/email lists. Or build via social communication apps and share handouts, PA Meeting News, or things learned via ClassDojo.

School Events Remotely: Irina Peschan, Co-President

- For World Fest, families can share their culture virtually through their kitchens and teach others how to cook dishes from their culture. Other ideas include a live or prerecorded talent show and story time in their native language.
- Lauren Clavin, SLT member, is volunteering to provide a parent support group to those that feel alone, stressed and the like. A vote on which would be the best time was announced and decided. The vote w

Middle School Applications: Mr. Reid, PS 99 Guidance Counselor

- Mr. Reid shared an overview of middle school application process.
 - It's his 5th year at PS 99 and he has worked with the middle school application system for the 5th and 6th grade students. This year will obviously might be a little bit different, because the back end of last year was so different, but will provide new information, new policies, and new dates based on how this year will function.
 - He will use ClassDojo to communicate to families.
 - Mr. Reid shared a PowerPoint presentation, which can be seen via the Zoom recording that will show key dates and information for all schools can be translated into the language you prefer.
- Other parents from PS 99 alums shared their experiences.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50pm

Submitted by Christopher Lee, Recording Secretary