**PTA Meeting Minutes: Friday, December 4, 2020**

**Attendance:** Lily Tang, Alejandra Mendoza, Debra Means-West

*Meeting Place: virtual via Zoom*

*Meeting Called to Order: 8:49am*

**AGENDA:**

***Call to Order****: Lily Tang*

Minutes from last meeting were distributed and accepted

***President’s Report:***

5th Grade Photos -parents are asked to submit photos of students for use in PS 176’s 2020/2021 yearbook

School Holiday Schedule: Closed 12/24 through 01/01/21

***Treasurer’s Report:***

Budget: positive balance for November. Most revenue is from last year’s events and activities

***Fundraising Report:***

* Box Tops Fundraiser: school year earnings $40.
* Cheddar Up: $550 received to date
  + New fundraiser will not disclose until late December
* Meadow Farms 11/30/20-12/7/20 – meadowfarms.com – earn 20% of sales
  + School ID: MF1125012

**New Fundraisers:**

Aunt Butchies will partner with PS 176 for another fundraiser starting *12/21-1/4/21*

Update pending on the funds raised through the Thanksgiving fundraiser

***Principal’s Report – Ms. Culkin:***  
  
**NYC Public School Update: Return to In-Person Learning**

Parents were advised about the Mayor’s mandate (effective 12/7) to move all NYC hybrid students to full a 5-day learning schedule – subject to school space availability. Ms. Culkin provided background of PS 176 groups: Group A & B hybrid, and Group D (all remote remaining student body). advised the parents re: Mayor’s update re: moving students to 5 full days of schooling.

This means no more groups A or B. Parents were advised that students can move into remote, but no students can move into in person unless they selected this option for learning earlier last month.

Principle advised that PS 176 has a planning doc which explains how every room in the building comes under the Division of School Facilities and that small rooms can only accommodate 4-5 people max, and most larger rooms can accommodate 9-12 people (max 12) – under COVID guidelines. This means that school is working to accommodate all previous Group A & B students (majority in grades K) to new in person learning given building guidelines. PS 176 has created a new ticket system for all students returning to in-person learning. Parents are advised to check Operoo for details. The new pink tickets were created and are available for all impacted families on Friday, December 4th.

Ms. Culkin advised that classrooms are fitted out with 11 desks, 11 sneeze guards – school is also prioritizing children staying with the same teacher to avoid disruption. The teaching structure advised is as follows:

* 1 teacher – 11 students
* ICT 2 teachers, 1 para, 8 students (room capacity is 9-12)
* Outside classroom space will also be set up – in progress

**COVID Protocol Update**

Daily health check still exists (QR code through app) will be outside – no one enters building if not complete, temp check as well – 6 feet markers are in place throughout the building, mandatory masks, hand sanitizing (before enter building) – also school has random testing protocols

**Reminder School Start Times:**

8:30am ends 1:50pm – ***students late 3 times will be moved to remote***

**School Picture Day:**

Pictures will be taken outside on ***March 10th, 11th, 12th*** due to COVID

Culkin referenced for parents the testing sites that are open to parents and children –

**Upcoming Events**

* 12/11th Family Game Night – Family Feud
* 12/18th Family Movie night – showing Home Alone (Grades 2-5) / Mickey’s Magical Christmas (Grades K-1)
* 12/23 HOLIDAY EVENT – Special Event
* Title 1 – 1st meeting to be held on Dec 11th – notice to be sent out

***Parent Coordinator – Ms. Francisco:***

Upcoming Social Emotional Workshop 12/18 – further update will be posted to Class DOJO

Kindergarten admissions released:[*Kindergarten (nyc.gov)*](https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/kindergarten)

Middle School Admissions: DOE updates on deadlines still pending   
[*https://www.myschools.nyc/en/schools/middle-school/*](https://www.myschools.nyc/en/schools/middle-school/)

***Adjournment: 9:30am   
Next Meeting: January 8th***

***Visit our School website: www.ps176.org for more information and calendar of events***

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