

**PS 191/RSMA  
PTA Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2019**

***Welcome and Introductions.***

Scott Feinblum (PTA Treasurer) welcomed everyone. He noted that at the last meeting we invited Principal Steve Hernon to speak and based on the feedback we received decided to introduce a new “Getting to know you” series. This month, we invited Assistant Principal Sandra Perez to speak.

**Assistant Principal Perez** spoke about her background as well as her teaching and school administration experience. She is the mother of 13-year old boy who is an 8th grader who is going through the high school application process. She is a product of the NYC public schools and a graduate of Columbia. She has two master’s degrees, one from Teachers College and one from Baruch.

Ms. Perez started teaching at the Dual Language Middle School and has been at PS 191 for 23 years! She first served as the founding director of the PS 191 middle school. Because it was a new school, she recruited 55 students to continue on to the middle school. Many of today’s PS 191 traditions – such as our school colors, school mascot, and the advisory period – were chosen by Ms. Perez’s inaugural middle school class. *THANK YOU, Ms. Perez for sharing a little about your background with us!*

***Update on the Hiring Process (the C-30 Process)***

Scott provided an update on the “C-30” process for interviewing Principals and Assistant Principals. A committee—including school staff, parents, teachers, a representative principal from another school, and a DOE representative—interviewed four candidates for the Principal position on November 7, 2019. The questions were based on topics suggested by parents focusing on community building, curriculum and social-emotional learning. The C-30 process for the middle school Assistant Principal will occur on November 20, 2019.

***Damaris Carrion, PS 191’s Parent Coordinator, presented.***

Damaris advised that the kindergarten application process will open in December vs. January, as was previously the case. School tours will occur every Wednesday in January. The school will also do a special tour for parents are currently here; that tour will provide a more in-depth view into kindergarten. Damaris also suggested that families write a review on insideschools.org. If you have had a great experience, let the world know! It was suggested that someone from the PTA invite insideschools.org to school for a tour.

***Announcements.***

Events:

- Dance Showcase on November 20 at 9:00 am.
- The next bake sale will be Thursday, December 19.

Fundraising:

- The bake sales have been a huge success. The last bake sale netted \$1300, and the first netted \$1,000.
- The coin drive has collected \$1,000.
- Through Family Giving, the PTA has raised approximately \$5,000.
- Depending on how fundraising goes this year, we hope to increase the Teacher and Classroom Stipend that we implemented this year.
- The 5th grade parents organized a bake sale that earned \$400. Congrats!

***SLT Update.*** Aimee Chang (SLT, PTA Vice President) reported that Principal Hernon intends to initiate recording PTA meetings and family workshops, so that non-attending families can stream content at their convenience.

**\*\*\*Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2020\*\*\***