

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
November 16, 2012

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by the PTA co-Presidents.

PTA President's Welcome

The PTA Co-Presidents, Christine DiPasquale and Karyn Gooden, opened the meeting welcoming everyone.

Wellness in the Schools

- Chef Annie spoke regarding her role in helping to support our children's nutrition. Some of the events that she supports include the upcoming Café Harvest Day when Chef Waxman will demonstrate some potato dishes using various types of potatoes. In addition upcoming events will include a family fitness night. More details will be announced soon.

Adoption of the October Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the October 2012 PTA General Meeting was unanimously approved by the following resolution:

Approval of the Minutes

RESOLVED, that minutes of the October PTA Board meeting are approved.

Fundraising Update

Michele Samarel gave an update on the various Friends of PS166 fundraisers. The auction requires a chair in order for it to go forward on April 27. This person would oversee the event. Broadway Sings will be on February 10. A parent has generously offered to donate 100% of her commissions on Arbone products that she sells within the PS 166 community for a period of time.

Newsletter

Anna Cipriano has volunteered to create a bi-monthly on-line newsletter. The newsletter will be emailed to parents and will be available on the website.

IAP Mastriano

The math coach is at PS 166 and is currently working with grades 3,4 and 5. She is providing absolutely essential support to the teachers as they try to integrate the new standards with the EveryDay math materials. Exemplars are very helpful and are also being used.

Ms K and Ms Ruffler

The teachers spoke at length about the help the math coach is providing. She recently observed the teachers during class teaching a lesson and then was able to meet with them to discuss what was working and what was not working. In addition, she is helping unspiral every date math and relate the modules to the common core. She has also helped created a Google.docs site where the teachers can share materials and can then support each other easily. The math coach has the time to go behind the common core and understand it in an in depth way. She is very

supportive and helpful. Ms. K reported that she thinks that the concept of going in depth into fewer topics helps many of the kids rather than the old method of touching on many different topic, but only superficially.

Friends of PS166 Annual Fund Drive

The annual fund drive is beginning. Information will be backbaked home. It is important that everyone do what they can so that we can continue these exciting initiatives such as the math and curriculum coach.

Website

Leslie Zampetti is working on revamping the website.

SLT Update

The C-30 that was scheduled for yesterday was cancelled due to an administrative issue. It will be rescheduled.

PTA Meetings

The plan is for the remainder of the meetings to be in the auditorium.

There being no further business, the meeting was ADJOURNED.