

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
October 18, 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.

Debrah Markewhich's Report

Ms. Markewhich made the following announcements:

- G&T test are coming up
- Paperless campaign is going well
- Telephones are down again so if you need to get in touch with the school best to email Deb M
- It is critical that if your child's dismissal routine is being changed from one day to the next that you send a note in with your child. Only in an emergency should you be emailing or calling Deb M to change a dismissal routine. Should you email, you will receive an answer and if you do not, assume Deb M has not seen the email.
- If you need your child's OSIS number email Deb M

Adoption of the September Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

Curriculum Coach

The principal has identified several good candidates. The current plan is to get a coach to do some math and another to work on ELA. It is very important to get someone familiar with the common core standards.

PTA President's Announcements

- We have a quality review at 166 this year where the DOE will come in an assess the school
- Student teachers are moving into grades 3-5
- Kamal is helping with photocopying and in the playground.
- Classes have various specials
- 1 & 2 have chess in the classroom

- 3 has Writopia
- 4 has Vital Theater
- 5 has debate and may do a smaller architecture program
- Halloween will be celebrated on Wednesday October 31st. Kids will bring costumes except for K (they can wear costumes). No weapons or masks.

Fall Fest

Is Sunday. We could use more volunteers. Please just show up and offer to help. The rides will be half price until 11 am.

Election Day Bake Sale

Big bake sale takes place on election day. If you can help bake that would help.

Classroom Assistants Program

The administration has been working very hard to help with this program. It has been very supportive. There has been a suggestion that the current 3rd grade parents may be asked to use the remaining funds raised for classroom assistants for a laptop cart.

Green/Wellness

Emily Fano is going to be handing over the leadership of this committee to new volunteers not that she has taken a new job. One new development is that the principal implemented green jobs in the classroom.

Outreach Committee

Thinking of a new committee called the Outreach Committee. This would be in conjunction with the Community Building Committee. This would help families who are in need of help. Maybe help with a dinner or keep a child for a playdate. It could work through Deb M. We need someone to oversee it. There is a sign up sheet in the back.

SLT

Looking at the report cards. Hope by end of the year we can come up with new report cards.

Hoping to get the smart boards up soon.

Chess

Deb Rudt and Alan Rudt are co-parent coordinators of the chess team. The team would love to expand. The team meets twice a week. If you are interested talk to Deb Rudt.

There being no further business, the meeting was ADJOURNED.