

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEETING
MAY 19TH, 2016 AT 8:40 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40AM by Co-President Erin Volkmar. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the General Board Meeting held on April 21st, 2016 was made by Erin Volkmar and seconded by Kerri Keiger. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Treasurers' Report: Julie Norwell

- a. Auction: Gross of \$146K
- b. Annual fund: revving up
- c. Budget in good shape

IV. Budget: Erin Volkmar

- a. Main changes:
 - o No field trip budget: we can't spend on some kids but not others, and we can't pay for only some classes to go on field trips, so field trip budget was not being spent. In theory the school administration has a budget to pay for kids who can't pay for field trips; Erin and Kerri will look into this.
 - o Less for librarian because new librarian will work 4 days instead of 5.
- b. Parent question: Can we utilize a learning leaders program for the library? Yes, but teachers don't like it as much. Parent noted that we can use learning leaders for more than just library help.
- c. Computer carts: We are getting two more carts from a summer program using our school, and we are paying for a third cart from the 2015/16 technology budget. We will have 6 carts total, thus the tech budget will decrease for next year. Tech budget in the coming year will cover the website, electronic payment fees, etc.
 - o Parent question: Is there someone to fix computers and tech equipment when it doesn't work? Currently this is Mr. Mitchell or Ms. Sora.
- d. Any questions on the budget? Please come to one of two special budget meetings, one on May 23rd 8:30am, the other on May 26th 6:30pm.

V. Presidents' Report, other items:

- a. New librarian: Rachel, a mom at PS 163 who has been volunteering to run their library.
- b. Donations to PS 191 pop-up library are needed. See their Amazon wish list. We already donated used books for this purpose. Any books that they don't need will be donated somewhere else.

VI. Announcements

- a. Art Fair: June 2nd:
 - o At PS 166. Kids and parents welcome, you can buy your child's art for \$30.
 - o Email Ms. King or send a note to your teacher with \$30 if you can't make the Art Fair but want to buy your child's art.

- b. Family Fitness Fun Night Tuesday May 24th
 - o Yoga, hip hop, karate, different activities for people to try. Sign up at ps166.org.
 - o Need volunteers: email ps166green@gmail.com
- c. Textile recycling next week
- d. New York Yankees Game: 50 seats, June 12th. 11:15am old timer day activities, 2:05 start of game. \$40 tickets, \$16 goes to the school. Face value of the ticket is \$48.
 - o Note that you can go to the office at the stadium and get a “My First Game” certificate. Go early because it gets crowded.
- e. PTA/SLT/Budget vote: June 8th. No budget discussions that day.
- f. Dance fest: June 15th, 9-11ish
- g. Kindergarten graduation: June 23rd, 9am
- h. First Grade Principal’s tea: 8:45am tomorrow morning
- i. No school June 9th and 14th
- j. Local elections: June 28th, last day of school - we are trying not to be an election site.
- k. Google groups going to replace Yahoo for the PS 166 parent listserve soon.
- l. Zoning meeting on Monday May 23rd, 9am. DoE is coming. Mostly will affect the southern part of the zone. PS 166 has a short zoned waitlist which should move after G&T list clears.
- m. Incoming K orientation: June 13th.

VII. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel A. Polimeni, Recording Secretary