

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
October 19, 2011

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Nominations and Elections for PTA Corresponding Secretary & Kindergarten Representative

Karyn Gooden, PTA co-President ran the election. Elections began with election for PTA Corresponding Secretary. Gail Hajian was the only candidate nominated prior to the meeting. Ms. Gooden asked whether there were nominations from the floor. There being none, Ms. Gooden proceeded to call for a vote of all present. By show of hands, Ms. Hajian was unanimously elected to the post of PTA Corresponding Secretary.

Following, Ms. Gooden asked for nominations for the PTA Kindergarten Representative. Kelly Wallace Saal was nominated. There being no other nominees, Ms. Gooden proceeded to call for a vote of all present. By show of hands, Ms. Wallace Saal was elected to the post of PTA Kindergarten Representative.

Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Mannes Program
- Thanksgiving Pie Sale
- Fall Fest

Fall Fest Update

The most important thing that is needed is volunteers. A specific request was made for people to take fliers and post them around the neighborhood to publicize the event.

Healthy Heads

Healthy Heads is a new lice containment/prevention program being introduced. Consent forms that will permit a PS 166 parent who is a medical doctor to check all consenting kids in a class for head lice when a case is reported in that classroom.

Technology Grant

PS 166 was awarded a technology grant of \$225,000. New computers will be purchased for every classroom and the computer laboratory. New wiring will be needed. The best use of the remaining funds is being considered by the SLT and the principal.

Classroom Assistant Program

Program is running. A problem was reported regarding payroll for the assistants. The problem is being addressed and the hope is that it will be resolved quickly.

Halloween

Halloween will be celebrated in school on Friday, October 28th.

Kindergarten Play Yard

The yard cannot be used because the New York City engineer cited the yard for a safety violation. The violation involves a wall in the yard and the wall cannot be inspected as needed to insure its structural soundness until the engineer can inspect on both sides and to do so, the City needs to obtain the consent of private home owners. The City attorneys are negotiating with attorneys for the homeowners and the hope is that access will be granted soon.

Student Leadership Team and the C30 Process

This committee is made up teachers and parents. It is working on the technology grant and curriculum issues. In addition, the SLT is involved in the C30 process. This is part of the formal process of appointing a permanent principal for PS 166. The ultimate decision regarding the permanent principal position is made by Sara Carvajal at the Department of Education.

Teacher's Report

Mr. Fama, a fifth grade teacher and chapter leader of the United Federation of Teachers at PS 166, introduced himself. He thanked the parents for their support of teachers and for the students.

PTA Co-Presidents

The following issues were explained briefly:

- Discretionary fund for the teachers
- Green/Wellness
- Search for speakers for the PTA meetings

Approval of September Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gail Hajian is elected PTA Corresponding Secretary, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kelly Wallace Saal is elected PTA Kindergarten Representative.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.