

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
December 14, 2011

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

PTA President's Welcome

The PTA Co-Presidents opened the meeting making several announcements as follows:

- It is hoped that we will be able to elect an Assistant Treasurer at an upcoming PTA meeting.
- A basketball hoop has been donated by a 3rd grade parent for use during recess
- Lunch and recess times have been reversed so that the kids have recess before lunch. It seems to have been a successful shift. Working out any remaining issues.
- The technology grant is being worked on by the school administration and the SLT.

Spring Auction

The chair of the auction spoke. At this time the most important thing is for everyone to collect donations. Looking for anything that you can think of as far as donations. March 15, 2012 is the deadline for donations. Finally, if someone is willing to act as the raffle chair, please see one of the auction co-chairs.

Annual Fund

The Friends of PS 166 Annual Fund Drive is taking place. A request was made for parent to contribute.

Early Pick Up From School

It is important to remember that when you pick up your child early from school that you must go up to the office to sign him/her out. Do not go straight to the classroom.

Announcements from Deb M.

- Photo retake day is next Monday
- Paperless campaign is underway
- ARIS Parent Link is available. Includes biographical and testing information on your child. Acuity is different than ARIS. All usernames and initial passwords are available from Deb M.

Dr. Mainhart: Differentiated Instruction

A presentation was given regarding what it means to give differentiated instructions and how it can be implemented in the classroom.

Principal's Report

- Holiday shows are coming up
- Lunch/Recess shift is still a work in progress. The 4th and 5th grades feel like they are losing play time
- Ms. Sessoms will be leaving. There are 2 candidates who are being considered to take over the class
- K Playground situation is still unresolved
- Technology team is meeting regarding the grant
- The “flip” of the specials will take place in February
- The students will be asked to set personal “learning goals”

Community Building Update

The food and the gift drives were both resounding successes.

Classroom Assistants Fund Update

It is essential that parents contribute to support this important program. Charitable substantiation letters regarding donations for 2011 for all contributions to Friends of PS 166, including to support the classroom assistants program, will be sent out via email in February or March.

Lunch

Volunteer is needed to help with the wellness lab. The kids will be learning to make vegetarian chili.

Approval of November Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.