

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
January 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 opened the meeting making several announcements as follows:

- Running the classroom assistants program and fundraising for it continues to be difficult and it will be important to assess before the 2012/2013 school year whether this program continues to be viable. For 2011/2012, fundraising efforts have been lagging. One kindergarten family has agreed to match up to \$3,000 of donations in support of the program.
- The Kindergarten yard has been closed since September. It has been a bigger problem than anyone anticipated to get it re-opened. The problem continues to be worked on by the administration and parents.
- School Leadership Team is discussing supplementing the math curriculum.
- Lunch/Recess switch is going forward.
- Volunteers are needed for grant writing.
- C-30 meeting is next Monday.
- The Friends of PS 166 Annual Fund Phone-a-Thon is January 25th.
- Broadway Singes is going to take place on March 25th and is being organized by a group of parents. They are asking for volunteers to help with the event which will include the possibility of dinner in the cafeteria before the show.

Spring Auction

The auction needs donations. Volunteers are needed to solicit.

Walk-A-Thon

The walk-a-thon will be on June 8. It will start at PS 166 at approximately 4 pm and at approximately 6 pm the walk will begin in Riverside Park. Volunteers are need to work on corporate sponsors for this event.

Staff Appreciation Day

Takes place on Friday, February 10. Donations of food are needed along with volunteers to help on that day.

Principal's Report

- The principal discussed student personal learning goals. Knowing their own needs is important. These goals are small and realistic goals that can be attained. Goals need to be set at least three times per year and can vary from subject to subject.
- Discussion regarding supplementing every day math is on-going. It would be very expensive to replace it.

Noah Kaufman - Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE) appointee for Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS)

Mr. Kaufman made a presentation to the PTA members regarding the CEC's role. Council meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend. Many important issues to address including special education, middle school over crowding in District 3, school closings and more.

Rebecca Goldewicz- Community Board 7 liaison for Manhattan Borough President, Scott Stringer's office

Ms. Goldewicz , a representative from Mr. Stringer's office introduced herself to the members of the PTA and explained her role as Community Board 7 liason for Mr. Stringer's office.

Chess

Alan Rudt gave a short presentation regarding the various chess programs that take place at PS 166 including chess in grades 1 and 2, after school chess and the chess team, the Manhattan Knights.

Approval of December Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the December 2011 PTA General Meeting was unanimously approved by the following resolution:

Approval of the Minutes

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.