

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
February 15, 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:

- The proposal to partially renovate the playground so as to address on-going safety issues will be presented at the CB 7 meeting on February 23rd.
- Following recent removals of teacher/aides from NYC schools because of inappropriate conduct, a brief discussion regarding the resources available on talking to children about abuse.

Wadleigh Middle School

Laurie Frey spoke about the recent decision that will keep Wadleigh Middle School open for now. There is a continued shortage of middle school seats.

Wellness in the Schools (WITS)

The assembled members of the PTA were introduced to the new WITS chef at PS 166. She will be taking over from Sefanie who is having a baby. She will be in our kitchen Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Tuesdays. At the end of the month, she will be running a food program with the kids where they will learn about roasted potatoes. In addition, with spring around the corner, she hopes that the kitchen will be able to make use of some of the items that will be growing in the garden.

Following, Stefanie was thanked for her hard work at PS 166.

International Dinner

The dinner will be held on March 16th from 6:30 – 8:30 in the cafeteria and it is pot luck.

Broadway Sings

Broadway Sings will be held in the school auditorium on Sunday, March 25. Tickets will be sold starting after we return from February vacation week and seats will be assigned by order of when they are purchased (other than premium seats). New this year, is a pizza dinner before the concert.

Spring Auction

Donations must be in by March 16 and currently we are on 1/3 of where we need to be. To make the auction a success the support of the parents is needed.

Deb Markewich

Continued push for the “go paperless” campaign. If people are interested in foregoing paper announcements in favor of email, please sign up.

The school survey will be handed out at the up-coming parent teacher conferences. It is very important to complete the surveys.

YMCA Update

The Y director gave a short update on the Y’s programs that take place at a community center on 105th Street. There are after school and weekend programs that are free.

Common Sense Media

Michele Lipkin gave a presentation regarding children and the media today. Common Sense Media is a tool that parents can use to learn more about the media that our children may want to be watching and using. It is a challenge for parents in today’s world to deal with media and raising children.

Approval of January Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.