

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
March 21, 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:

- Lunches – It is essential that we increase the number of children eating school lunch or we will lose cafeteria staff.
- PTA budget discussions are scheduled on 4/19 in the morning, 4/26 in the evening and 5/4 in the morning. There will be changes proposed.
- Playground – Kids are getting hurt because of the state of repair of the playground. New quote to fix the playground is \$1.3 million. Please call 311 if there is a problem in the playground.
- C30 – This is still in process.
- Math curriculum – The Department of Education will not approve changes until the core curriculum is sent out. We can supplement the current curriculum.
- Coaches - The idea of a coach is being looked at for feasibility.

School Survey (Deb M)

Only 3 classes have 100% participation. If you lost your school survey there is a number to call. Contact Deb with questions.

Teacher Update (Mr. Fama)

Teachers at PS 166 feel supported by the parents. We all want to put the kids first and that is important.

Broadway Sings

Event is this Sunday. Approximately 12 performers. Pizza will be sold in the cafeteria before the event.

Spring Auction

Preparations are underway for the auction including the baskets. Thank you to all who solicited donations. April 2 thru April 29, online auction will take place. April 27th is the live auction and party.

Wellness Update

PS 166 is composting and has gone from 16 bags of trash to 1. Kids are wasting a lot of food so it is important to discuss with your child what you are sending for lunch so that you know if they like it and will eat it. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help with lunch from 11 – 1:30.

Green Cup Update

PS 166 has reduced its energy use by approximately 18%.

External Affairs

- Co-location of charter schools an on-going issue. Harlem Success wants middle school seats.
- Middle School Overcrowding is a huge issue. Beacon is moving to new location and hoping that it will become a middle school.

SLT

Working on comprehensive education plan. Need to improve test scores. PS 166 used to have literacy and math coaches, but lost them when it lost its Title 1 funding. There will be new common core standards that will soon be laid out. Suggestion from our district leader was that PS 166 might benefit more from coaches rather than classroom assistants in the upper grades. Currently considering this and assessing its viability.

Approval of February Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.