

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
June 13, 2012

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

PTA President's Welcome

The PTA Co-President, Christine DiPasquale, opened the meeting making several announcements as follows:

- Recess before lunch flip has worked and we anticipate keeping it
- PS 166 has been allocated grant money to allow it to refurbish the playground
- Progress is being made in hiring a curriculum coach for the school. Candidates are coming in to meet the teachers
- We are working to improve the quality of field trips and residencies at PS 166

Adoption of the May Minutes

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

Approval of the Minutes

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

Thank You to Departing Gardening Committee Parents

A plaque was presented to Molly and Ceci to honor them for their contributions to PS 166, specifically their efforts in creating and supporting the reading garden.

Curriculum Coach

Deborah Forschein spoke about the role of a curriculum coach in the school. The Coach can do many things including model lessons for the teachers, show teacher different strategies and assist teachers generally. PS 166 has had coaches in the past and they were helpful. A coach has special training and special skills. The teachers are very appreciative of the parents' efforts to bring a curriculum coach to PS 166.

Deborah Markewich Report

Deb M reported the following:

- 75% of the surveys came back. This was up from 52%. 10 classes had 100% participation.

- Field day is coming up. It will be held in the playground. A few parent volunteers will be needed to assist with the day.
- K stepping up ceremony is on June 22nd.

SLT Elections and President's Council

Stefanie Goldblatt was nominated to be the PTA's representative on the President's Council. A vote was held by a show of hands and it was unanimously

RESOLVED that Stefanie Goldblatt will be the PTA's representative on the President's Council for the 2012/2013 school year.

Stefanie Goldblatt read the list of candidates for the SLT and gave a summary of the purpose of the SLT. Nominations were taken from the floor but no additional candidates came forward. Following a closing of the nominations each SLT candidate spoke. Following the speeches the PTA membership voted by ballot and the ballots were collected.

Budget

Barbara Denham discussed the proposed budget that Friends of PS 166 will be funding with respect to certain programs at PS 166. \$90,000 has been allocated for a curriculum coach. There are placeholders for residencies for certain grades where the specific program has not yet been determined. It is hoped that we will bring in Writopia to work with the 3rd grade because Vital Theater program isn't working as well in 3rd grade as in 4th grade. In addition, Ms. Denham explained the role of Friends of PS 166.

Following this discussion a vote was held by a show of hands and it was unanimously RESOLVED that the budget presented be approved

Miscellaneous Updates

Ms. Ascensio received an award for Coach of the Year at a city-wide track meet.

SLT Wrap Up

It was a productive year for the SLT including the following

- Swap recess and lunch
- Curriculum coach
- Math curriculum supplements
- Grade wide collaboration efforts increased
- PARCS initiative to test online key-boarding classes

Following the counting of the ballots, the SLT elections results were announced and it was RESOLVED that Dympna Gallagher and Jennifer Hogan are elected to the SLT; and it is further RESOLVED that the alternates are John Auerbach and Lory Meyerson are alternates.

C-30 Update

We still have not had an update from the DOE.

Fundraising

There are lots of ideas but we are in need of parent volunteers to execute. Please see Michele Samarel if you want to help.

Assessments

JB spoke briefly about assessments and the disruption they are causing in part because some teacher missed a lot of periods.

Thank You

Thank you to PTA co-presidents for all of their hard work this past year.

There being no further business, the meeting was ADJOURNED.