

Minutes
PS 166 PTA General Meeting
December 14, 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, Christine DiPasquale and Karyn Gooden, opened the meeting welcoming everyone.

Update by IAP Mastriano

The IA Principal gave an update on the curriculum coaches. Presently there is a math coach who has been working with the teachers to move from Everyday Math to the math requirements as laid out in the new Common Core Curriculum. Many new things are happening. Students are having active discussions. Students are working in teams. The math coach has been really instrumental in helping the teachers move to this new curriculum in many ways including by meeting with them, helping them use google docs to share curriculum amongst themselves and reviewing those documents to make sure that they comply with the core curriculum requirements. This work is happening in all grade levels.

In ELA there is work to be done. The traditional way of teaching lessons must shift to one where there is more speaking and listening. The school really needs someone who knows the Common Core Curriculum. We are looking for that person and hoping that someone will start in January.

In addition, there are discussion about doing some staff development and the principal continues to work with the teachers on curriculum.

Curriculum Coach Update from PTA Co-President

We are hoping that this year the ELA coach will work at least 2 days a week and that next year we will have a full time literacy coach.

Adoption of the November Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes of the November 2012 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.

Fundraising Update

The auction will need people to solicit for items. The good news is that there are auction chairs and the theme this year will be a black and white ball.

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The hope is that a permanent principal will be appointed in February 2013.

Technology

ELMOs and Smartboards were installed and are in use.

Spelling Bee

First spelling bee took place and it seems to have been a success.

Typing

Typing has been added to the technology curriculum. It is believed that the state tests will be given on a computer beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.

Website

The website needs to be updated and it is a huge job. If anyone could volunteer to help it would be really appreciated. No technology background is needed.

Broadway Sings

Broadway Sings will be held on February 10, 2013. Tickets will go on sale on January 14, 2013. They will be given out on a first come first serve basis. There will be a pizza party first and a large valentines chocolate sale.

PTA Co-President Updates

- Donors Choice is a website that teachers can use to request things that they need. It may be a useful tool to help acquire larger items.
- Newsletter is an avenue for communications. It will be email only. If you are good with photos please contact Anna Cipriano who is handing the newsletter.

Friends of PS 166 Annual Fund

FOPS 166 Annual Fund is going well.

There being no further business, the meeting was ADJOURNED.