

## MINUTES

### PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 15TH, 2016 AT 8:30 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

#### I. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 8:42 AM by Madelyn Storms. A quorum was established.

#### II. Approval of Minutes

- a. Nina Collmer made a motion to approve the November minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### III. Lice/Illness in School

- a. A question was raised about the correlation between students who ride the bus and the students who are found to have lice. Parents were told the students are not getting lice from the buses, but because the students take off their coats, hats, etc and they are in close proximity to one another, lice is more easily spread.
- b. At the second lice check, almost all cases of lice found were the same students who had lice at the first check. Only one new case of lice bugs was discovered. Students need to continue getting their hair combed until the lice is completely gone..
- c. A request was made to please keep children home if they are displaying sick symptoms. The school has seen a lot of children coming to school sick.

#### IV. Zoning

- a. The CEC (Community Education Counsel) is not voting on rezoning of Harlem schools currently. They are looking for long term solutions for under-enrolled schools. A summit will take place in March with educational experts to figure out how to address the under-enrolled schools.
- b. The vote to move PS 452 will take place on 1/18/17. The same day, a vote will take place to move the PS 84 middle school dual-language program to the O'Shea complex.

#### V. Presentation by Principal Mastriano and Ms. Pick

- a. RULER (see hand-out).
  - i. Ruler is an emotional intelligence program, not behavioral program.
  - ii. The goal is for students to visit their charter every day. Grades K-2 just had an assembly. This is the first time the school is having town hall meetings. The bi-monthly meetings are run entirely by the 5th Grade Student Council.

#### VI. Fundraising

- a. CAP
  - i. Participation percentages have gone up slightly but not as hoped. We are in dire need of donations. People need to take it upon themselves to donate double. If we don't get it, we will have to let people go.
- b. Amazon Website
  - i. There is confusion over which amazon link to use when making purchases. There are two programs: (1) Amazon Smile, which donates 0.5% of each

purchase to the school and (2) the Amazon affiliate link, which donates 9.5-10% of each purchase to the school. In the case of the affiliate link, the buyer must click the link each time. Parents should bookmark the link.

- ii. Fundraising knows what is purchased but doesn't know who purchased items.

VII. SLT

- a. SLT has broken into, five groups, each working on different goals.
- b. There is a team of parents interested in revamping the website.
- c. All parents and faculty are welcome to attend the meetings.

VIII. Events

a. Auction

- i. The auction will take place on March 25th, 7PM-11PM at The Diamond Horseshoe and the theme is All That Jazz.
  - ii. The committee is in process of soliciting donations and has received 100 donations to date.
  - iii. Ticket sales for the auction will begin Jan. 12th with early bird discounts.
  - iv. The online auction is scheduled to take place March 8th-24th, but may change.
  - v. The committee is looking for wine donations and for parents with connections at AV rental places.
  - vi. Auction@ps166.org is the correct email address to contact the auction committee.
- b. The PTA is planning to do an evening PTA meeting in January. Babysitting and pizza will be provided for the kids.
  - c. Richard Rogers Day
    - i. Richard Rogers Day will take place in February.
    - ii. Volunteers are needed to help plan the day which honors the school's namesake.

IX. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Moyle, Recording Secretary