

MINUTES:
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 AT 6:30 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM
APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 15TH, 2015 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Co-President Erin Volkmar.
Quorum was established.
- II. **Principal, Debra Mastriano**
 - a. Teacher Introductions
 - b. P.S. 166 is now a NY State Reward School due to increasing test scores: 4.2% increase in Math, 4.3% increase in ELA
- III. **Parent Coordinator, Deb Markewich**
 - a. We are trying to become greener: fewer photocopies, more news in the newsletter
 - b. Groups: ps166-announce-subscribe@yahoo.com (also on pg. 10 of the handbook)
 - c. New Family Dinner: 9/30/15 at 6:30pm
 - d. Middle school fair: 9/30/15 from 5:30-7:30pm
- IV. **Re-Create**: Neil Fitzgerald and Ryan Zebala
 - a. Email ryan@re-create.org or call 917-975-8811 with questions
 - b. Looking to add STEM and intermediate Spanish after school
 - c. Recess: Last year it was run by an outside vendor. This year Re-create does it. They are still working on expectations and what to do during indoor recess. There will be some jumping around, chess, arts and crafts, reading, etc. But no just “hanging out” – it will all be structured, which is what the administration requested.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
MOTION to approve the draft minutes of the June 10, 2015 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.
The motion was unanimously adopted.

MOTION to approve the draft minutes of the March 12, 2015 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.
The motion was unanimously adopted.
- VI. **President’s report**: Erin Volkmar and Kerri Keiger
 - a. President’s council – Kerri Keiger:
 - i. A group of PTA Presidents from District 3 elementary and middle schools meet monthly. Currently they are putting together a green schools committee for D3, and are looking for volunteers.
 - ii. Events this year: D3 spelling bee (2/6/16), science fair (3/19/15), art fair (5/18/16 and 5/19/16). Middle school fair (9/30/15) and Middle School Principal’s forum (10/8/16)
 - b. Playground: Renovations are starting at the end of this months and will last 2-3 months. The children will have modified recess in either the reading garden or indoors. We were not able to get street permits for recess.
 - c. Air conditioners: They are in every class except for 6-7 classes that will be fixed in the next 2 weeks
 - d. Security doors: \$12k raised for the doors and laminator. However, when delivered they did not meet DOE and fire regulations. 3 new doors were ordered that meet all the standards, with a push bar that can lock. They will be paid for by the DOE. At the next PTA meeting we will discuss how to spend the money we raised for the doors.

- VII. **Treasurer's report:** Julie Norwell
- a. Breakdown of FOPS Money (see attached)
 - b. CAP and Annual fund are both important sources of money. CAP solely funds the classroom assistants: Full time in K/1, Half time in 2nd grade, Quarter time in grades 3-5. The Annual Fund funds chess, field trips, opera, librarian, recess helpers, math coach, etc. Please give to both. The goal is to increase participation. Any contribution is okay, nothing too small.
- VIII. **CAP report** – Karyn Gooden
The ask has increased because we had to hire a bookkeeper (no longer provided by the DOE). \$2500 K/1, \$1250 grade 2, \$750 grades 3-5.
- IX. **Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities** – Liz Sorem
- a. New Family Dinner 9/30/15 6:30-830pm
 - b. Fall Fest / Walkathon 10/25/15
 - c. Picture Day 11/13/15
 - d. Family favorites potluck 11/18/15 6:30-8:30
 - e. Staff Appreciation day – 2/12/15
 - f. Broadway sings 3/6/15
 - g. Family fitness fun night 5/24/15
 - h. Yearbook and Graduation
- X. **Garden Committee** – Kari Doctor
Please volunteer! Email is on PS 166 website.
- XI. **Adjournment**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Polimeni, Recording Secretary