

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2016 AT 8:40 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40AM by Co-President Erin Volkmar. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

MOTION to approve the minutes of the General Board Meeting held on January 21th, 2016 was made by Erin Volkmar and seconded by Kerri Keiger, subject to one edit (Kim Watkin's position on the CEC board).

The minutes were unanimously approved, contingent on the correction above.

III. Auction: Erin Peck / ps166auction.com

- a. Spread the word about the online auction, opening February 26th
- b. Others outside of 166 can also bid
- c. Erin will send a Facebook link to share

IV. CEC Report: Kim Watkins, Treasurer for the CEC Zoning Committee (and 166 parent)

- a. There will be a D3 re-zoning info session on March 1st and March 15th
- b. PS 75 wants controlled choice: dezoning, preference based on balancing ELL, free lunch, and IEPs among schools, and also on location. Goal would be to improve diversity.
- c. There will be a parent speaking at the info session from District 13, who went through a similar rezoning vote due to issues similar to the 199/191 issues. D13 voted against controlled choice.
- d. A woman from D1 will speak as well - in D1 they voted in favor of controlled choice.
- e. CEC wants to hear from parents.
- f. Other rezoning plans being discussed: 191/199 will be rezoned. 87/452 also affected. Maybe 166 if we don't get involved. Current 166 parents would be grandfathered into the zone.
- g. Please reach out to preschools in the area to spread the word. CEC will be doing the same.

V. Deb Markewich, Parent Coordinator

- a. Microsoft software offer through the DOE: See Deb's weekly newsletter. You need a date of birth, email and phone number that is associated with your child to download the software. If you have changed your email or phone number you won't be able to get in. Alternatively, you may not have given an email address originally, so your email may not be in the system.
- b. Email James Mitchell to update your information in the system: jmitchell13@schools.nyc.gov
- c. The new Google email group is almost ready. If your email address starts before "T" and haven't gotten an email, call Deb Markewich today. Messages will go out to both the Yahoo and Google groups until Deb has inputted all names into the new Google system.

VI. Principal Debra Mastriano

- a. Respect for All week:
 - o PS 166 is implementing a Respect for All week, promoting positive behavior
 - o Mr. Shackman made a video, and a 1st grade class performed
 - o PS 166 received a Respect for All school nomination
- b. The C-30 for the assistant principal will be at the end of the month
 - o This is an interview process with the SLT (School Leadership Team), the principal, and a representative from the superintendent's office

VII. Treasurer: Julie Norwell

- a. Dance party: Raised \$3800 in gross income. Thank you, John!
- b. CAP update: Increased participation since last report
- c. Annual fund has taken a toll: \$41K has been raised to date versus \$73K at the same time last year. Goal is \$105K.
- d. Treasurer's clinic was held recently with treasurers from various school PTAs.
 - o PS 199 has donors pay with checks, or donors must pay their own PayPal fees.
 - o Going forward: PS 166 donors will pay the 2.7% fee in PayPal fees
- e. A parent asked about the possibility of folding the CAP fund into the general fund. This is always under discussion, but we are leaving it as is for now.

VIII. CAP: Karyn Gooden

- a. 2 CAPs are missing: one in K, one in 2nd grade. We will replace ASAP.
- b. 4th and 5th grade: No more CAPs this year due to lack of funding.

IX. Upcoming:

- a. Staff appreciation
 - o Cards wanted!
 - o Teachers will receive a Dunkin Donuts gift card with 166 logo
 - o Bring food! Lunch foods, salads, main dishes, prepared restaurant food okay.
 - o (A parent noted that it is a challenge to plan for Valentine's day, and also write staff thank you cards and bring food. Perhaps we will change date next year.)
- b. Scholastic Book Fair: Monday February 29th through Friday March 4th, week of parent-teacher conferences
 - o Funds go towards new library books
 - o Books are \$3 and up plus tax
 - o Flyer will go out
 - o You can also donate to teacher wishlists for their classrooms
 - o We will try to hide the chatchkes but kids always ask for them (erasers, pencils, etc.)
- c. Parent-teacher conferences on March 3rd
- d. Broadway Sings - Marc Lovci
 - o Tech is all donated
 - o Composers and musical directors get performers
 - o Makes \$7K, few costs
 - o More kids this year performing! 10 year old from Les Mis and Gloria Estefan show
 - o Need people to spread the word. Not just for PS 166 families!
 - o \$35 adults, \$15 kids. Go online now to buy tickets! Premium seats sell out fast!

X. Online Directory - Max Alvarez

- a. We have 80-90% of email addresses associated with students
- b. Password-protected website - any concerns?
 - o One parent suggested an emphasis on no solicitations. Parents do not want to be put on mailing lists.
- c. We need 1 volunteer from each class to proofread and make sure parents are matched up to kids correctly. Perhaps the Class Parent can do this for each class.

XI. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel A. Polimeni, Recording Secretary