

**MINUTES**  
**PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2014 AT 9:10 AM IN THE CAFETERIA**

Approved by unanimous vote  
at the June 13, 2014 Meeting

- I. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Co-President Jen Hogan.  
Quorum was established.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**  
**MOTION** to approve the draft minutes of the April 25, 2014 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.  
The motion was unanimously adopted.
- III. **Reports**
- a) **PTA Co- Presidents**  
Jen Hogan welcomed everyone and thanked several volunteers for their help in making Grandparents & Special Friends Day, Family Fitness Fun Night, and Green / Wellness Textile Collection successful events.  
There will be a budget vote by the membership on June 13, 2014.  
Liz Wedlan announced that a proposed Renovation Plan for Playground 89 will be presented at a public meeting of Manhattan CB7's Parks & Environment Committee on Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 pm at the Goddard Riverside Community Center. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.
- b) **Principal**  
In her address, Principal Mastriano gave an account of the steps that were taken in the past two years in pursuit of her vision for the school. She also outlined the plans for the curriculum and professional development.  
The Principal thanked parents for their continued support and emphasized the importance of the various programs sponsored by the PTA which go to ensure students have the best education possible.  
She spoke briefly about the Math Coach and the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, which is involved in the best schools throughout the nation and in other countries around the world.  
At the conclusion of her address, the Principal responded to questions from the parents.
- c) **Parent Coordinator**  
Deborah Markewich provided details of several upcoming dates, and volunteers are needed for...
  - Graduation Photos for kindergarten and 5<sup>th</sup> grade on May 19, and
  - Orientation on June 10.Looking ahead, the school calendar is up for the next academic year.
- d) **Budget Presentation**  
PTA Financial Secretary Thad Buzolich and PTA Treasurer Gloria Lee distributed a handout captioned "Budget Overview: FY15".  
Thad presented a detailed analysis of most line items and reasons for major changes in expenditures from the previous year.  
Expenditure categories highlighted for change included...
  - Aides
  - Contingency Fund
  - Library Books
  - Recess
  - School Supplies, Paper, Toner
  - Classroom Books
  - Librarian
  - Science Coordinator

- Technology
- Wellness in The Schools
- Accountant.

Thad pointed out that there were sufficient funds available in the bank account to cover the expected shortfall in income.

Revenue estimates were conservative, and although the planned income was below the previous year, chances are actual realized income will be higher than plan.

A vote will be held at the PTA General Membership meeting in June to approve a proposed draft of the budget.

e) CEC3 Update

Barbara Denham gave an update on the proposed future use of the Beacon High School Building as a new middle and high school serving grades 6 – 12.

The proposal calls for the middle school portion of the school to open for 6<sup>th</sup> graders in September 2015, giving priority to District 3 students.

After plans for the space are resolved, next up will be admission policies and methods.

At the conclusion of her address, Barbara fielded questions from parents.

IV. Committees and Fundraisers

1) Nominating Committee(s)

Christine DiPasquale and Karyn Gooden reported on the Nominating Committee's efforts to recruit candidates to run for the PTA Executive Board.

Stacey Shapiro gave a brief overview of the work of the SLT and invited candidates to run for two seats which will become vacant at the end of the current academic year.

Stacey also gave an update on the Annual Fund Drive. There will be a phone-a-thon on May 21 because the drive is still below its target.

2) School Store

Suzi Gordon reported on sales and successes at raising funds at recent school events.

3) Others

Alex Arvizu commented on the Fathers' Day Staten Island Yankees Event scheduled for Sunday, June 15. She encouraged parents to attend this school outing featuring the Staten Island Yankees versus the Brooklyn Cyclones at Richmond County Bank Ballpark.

Ram Avrahami commented briefly on videotaping school performances.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Peter A. Rodrigues, Recording Secretary