

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 10, 2015 AT 8:50 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am by Co-President Erin Volkmar.
Quorum was established.

II. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION to approve the draft minutes of the April 21, 2015 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

MOTION to approve the draft minutes of the May 14, 2015 General Membership meeting was made and seconded.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

III. **Elections and Budget Vote**

a) **PTA Executive Board Elections**

PTA Co-President Erin Volkmar announced that Peter Rodrigues will run the elections.

Mr. Rodrigues began the elections by giving a brief overview of the process, after which he asked whether there were any further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Rodrigues declared that nominations were closed.

Next he introduced Erin Volkmar and Kerri Keiger as the only candidates for PTA Co-Presidents. Each candidate spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held.

The vote was unanimous.

Election of the PTA Co-Presidents

RESOLVED, That Erin Volkmar and Kerri Keiger are elected Co-Presidents of the PS 166 PTA.

Mr. Rodrigues introduced Kirsten Brashares and Liz Sorem as the only candidates for PTA Co-Vice Presidents. Each candidate spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held.

The vote was unanimous.

Election of the PTA Co-Vice Presidents

RESOLVED, That Kirsten Brashares and Liz Sorem are elected Co-Vice Presidents of the PS 166 PTA.

Mr. Rodrigues introduced Julie Norwell and Lauren Bernstein as the only candidates for Co-Treasurers. Each spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held. The vote was unanimous.

Election of the PTA Co-Treasurers

RESOLVED, That Julie Norwell and Lauren Bernstein are elected Co-Treasurers of the PS 166 PTA.

Mr. Rodrigues introduced Joshua Beaton as the only candidate for PTA Financial Secretary. Mr. Beaton spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held. The vote was unanimous.

Election of the PTA Financial Secretary

RESOLVED, That Joshua Beaton is elected Financial Secretary of the PS 166 PTA.

Mr. Rodrigues introduced Rachel Polimeni as the only candidate for PTA Recording Secretary. Ms. Polimeni spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held. The vote was unanimous.

Election of PTA Recording Secretary

RESOLVED, That Rachel Polimeni is elected Recording Secretary of the PS 166 PTA.

Mr. Rodrigues introduced Karyn Gooden as the only candidate for Corresponding Secretary. Ms. Gooden spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held. The vote was unanimous.

Election of the PTA Corresponding Secretary

RESOLVED, That Karyn Gooden is elected Corresponding Secretary of the PS 166 PTA.

At the conclusion of the Executive Board elections, Ms. Volkmar thanked all members of the outgoing Board for their service to the school and the children.

b) SLT Elections

The SLT elections were run by Stefanie Goldblatt.

Before beginning the elections, Ms. Goldblatt described the voting procedures of the contested election. She then asked whether there were any further nominations, and there being none, nominations were declared closed.

Following that, each of the candidates spoke. A vote by ballot was held and the results were tabulated.

Election of the Parent Members of the SLT

RESOLVED, That Max Alvarez, Catherine Box and Rachel Polimeni are elected to be parent members of the PS 166 School Leadership Team.

Alternate will be Peter Rodrigues.

c) PTA Proposed Budget Vote

Ms. Norwell presented and spoke briefly about the final draft of the proposed budget, various drafts of which were presented at previous meetings of the general membership.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the impact of having a negative net balance in the budget, and what the reserve balance would be after the capital spending on the air conditioners.

MOTION to approve the final draft of the proposed budget as presented was made and seconded.

By show of hands, all except for two abstentions, voted in favor of the motion.

The motion was adopted by majority affirmative vote. A copy of the approved budget is attached.

IV. Reports

a) PTA Co-Presidents

Ms. Volkmar commented briefly on the following...

- School Supply Orders
- Playground Renovation Update
- Family Fitness Night – Jun 11
- Staten Island Yankees Game – Jun 21
- Dance Festival – Jun 15
- 5th Grade Graduation – Jun 24

b) Principal

Principal Mastriano thanked parents for their support and reflected briefly on the current academic year. Next year's plans for Teachers College Reading and Writing Project as well as Mathematics are moving along.

V. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Rodrigues, Recording Secretary