

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 13, 2014 AT 9:14 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

Approved by unanimous vote
at the September 16, 2014 Meeting

- I. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 9:14 am by Co-President Liz Wedlan.
Quorum was established.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
MOTION to approve the draft minutes of the May 16, 2014 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 Jen Hogan announced that Christine DiPasquale will run the elections and that Karyn Gooden will be a candidate for Corresponding Secretary.
Christine began the elections by introducing 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.
- Christine introduced Kirsten Brashares and Erica Bynum 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 Erica Bynum are elected Co-Vice Presidents of the PS 166 PTA.
- Christine 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. There was one abstention. All others voted in the affirmative.
- Election of the PTA Co-Treasurers**
- RESOLVED**, That Julie Norwell and Lauren Bernstein are elected Co-Treasurers of the PS 166 PTA.
- Christine introduced Peter Rodrigues as the only candidate for PTA Recording Secretary. Mr. Rodrigues spoke briefly, following which a vote by show of hands was held. The vote was unanimous.
- Election of PTA Recording Secretary**
- RESOLVED**, That Peter Rodrigues is elected Recording Secretary of the PS 166 PTA.
- Christine 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, Jen Hogan thanked all members of the Board for their service to the school and the children.

Liz Wedlan recognized the volunteers for their service noting that “parental involvement is a key factor in your child’s academic success”. PTA volunteer forms were available for all interested parents

b) SLT Elections

The SLT elections were run by Stacey Shapiro and Stacy Boccabella. Before beginning the elections, they described the voting procedures, in particular that in order to vote, eligible voters must be present after the candidates speak, and that anyone not present at that time will not receive a ballot.

A discussion ensued on the procedures in that it might exclude a number of parents who may want to vote but could not be present after the candidates speak.

MOTION made by Laurie Frey that the SLT vote count be moved to the end of the agenda and any member arriving late due to a legitimate conflict with another pre-scheduled district school meeting, be given their chance to exercise their right to vote for an SLT parent representative. The motion was seconded by Noah Kaufman.

After much discussion, Jen and Stacey proceeded as planned.

Nominations from the floor were closed, and following that, each of the eight candidates spoke. A vote by ballot was held and the results were tabulated.

Election of the Parent Members of the SLT

RESOLVED, That Stefanie Goldblatt and Lisa Berry are elected to be parent members of the School Leadership Team.

Alternates will be Julianne Parmenter and Suzanne Gordon.

c) PTA Proposed Budget Vote

Gloria Lee 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.

Gloria highlighted the major changes since the previous draft.

After a discussion on the reduction made to the Field Trips budget, Laurie Frey made the following motion.

MOTION that the Field Trips budget item remain as proposed at the previous meeting and not be reduced, was seconded by Eva Landeo.

By show of hands, there were a few affirmative votes and a few abstentions.

The motion was lost by majority negative vote.

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

By show of hands, there were a few negative votes and a few abstentions.

The motion was adopted by majority affirmative vote.

IV. Reports

a) Principal

Principal Mastriano reflected briefly on the current academic year before giving an overview of her plans for the next year.

Plans for Teachers College Reading and Writing Project as well as Mathematics have just been completed. In order to share ideas and enhance communication, the Principal will have four meetings throughout the year with Class Reps from each grade.

There are also plans to provide more “training” for parents to help their children with the ELA and Math curricula.

b) Parent Coordinator

Deborah Markewich provided an update on upcoming events leading to the end of the academic year.

Deborah also gave details about the future of the “extended day program”.

c) Classroom Parents

Julianne Parmenter spoke generally about plans for next year’s class reps including periodic meetings with the Principal.

d) CEC3

Barbara Denham gave an update on the district’s “town hall” meeting with Chancellor Carmen Farina. Barbara also reported on the current status on plans for the future use of the Beacon Building.

e) FOPS

Stefanie Goldblatt reported that the next meeting of the FOPS board will be on Friday June 20. The Executive Board will present the approved budget to FOPS for the actual funding of the budget.

V. Committees and Fundraisers

1) Staten Island Yankees / Walk-a Thon

Liz Wedlan spoke about the final fundraisers for the academic year.

2) Kindergarten Support

Liz announced that this initiative will be co-chaired by Pam Korson and Maria Mjoll Jonsdottir. The objective will be to help new parents make the transition to PS 166 as smooth as possible.

3) CAP

Karyn Gooden outlined plans for next year’s CAP and reminded parents of students entering 3rd, 4th and 5th grades next year, that they will be asked to fund CAP for their respective grades.

Karyn also announced that based on a recent survey of 1st grade parents, next year’s 2nd grade classes will have full time classroom assistants.

4) Upcoming Dates

Liz Wedlan announced the final events for the academic year and their respective dates.

- Walk-a-Thon: Friday, June 13 at 4:30 pm
- Staten Island Yankees: Sunday, June 15 at 4:00 pm
- SLT: Monday, June 16 at 4:00 pm
- PTA Executive Board: Friday, June 20 at 8:30 am
- FOPS: Friday, June 20 at 9:00 am
- 5th Grade Graduation: Friday, June 20 at 9:00 am
- Dance Festival: Monday, June 23 at 9:30 am
- Closing Day: Thursday, June 26

Liz also mentioned that she was informed by Steve Simon that Parks completed a revised playground plan, and it will be presented at a public CB7 meeting.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Rodrigues, Recording Secretary