

MINUTES
PS 166 PTA GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 16TH, 2016 AT 8:30 AM IN THE CAFETERIA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. The meeting was called to order at 8:38 AM by Madelyn Storms. A quorum was established.

- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Madelyn Storms made a motion to approve the minutes from the February PTA meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- III. Amendments to Chancellor's Regs and PTA Bylaws
 - a. Kerri Keiger discussed changes made to the Chancellor's rules regarding PTA bylaws. She stated that the rules were simply organized and made more readable. There were no significant, substantive changes made, but our bylaws have to be in compliance with the regulations and should be updated every 3 years. Our PTA should update and approve changes to our bylaws before the next election because some of the regulation changes touch on how to conduct elections. If anyone wants to see bylaws, they should email the PTA Corresponding Secretary. We will vote on changes to the bylaws at the next PTA meeting.
 - i. Specific changes mentioned:
 1. The definition of who can be in the PTA was expanded.
 2. Clarification regarding the scope of PTA officer duties.
 3. How to form committees.
 4. Election formalities:
 - a. Elections will be conducted a month earlier.
 - b. Only use ballots if more than one person is running for a position.
 - c. Notification requirements prior to elections.

- IV. Zoning
 - A. Kim Watkins spoke about the Harlem School Summit that is scheduled to take place on April 1st. The intention of the summit is to facilitate discourse among parents about how to stabilize the public schools in the area.
 - B. A consortium of Community Education Councils (CECs) is coming up with ways to streamline communications with DOE. CECs have ultimate approval of zone lines.
 - C. Deborah Markewich stated current families enrolled at PS 166 got a letter that saying they have the right to stay at school. There is a waitlist to enroll this year. The DOE offered placement to all zoned families who applied by the deadline. There are four zoned families on the waitlist who applied after deadline. The five current kindergarten classrooms may not be collapsible into four first grade classrooms (as has been done in the past). We may have five classrooms per grade going forward.

V. Presentation by Guidance Counselor Danielle Barry

- A. Ms. Barry spoke about her role in school. She meets with certain students regularly and helps implement the RULER and Star Student programs. She is currently organizing “Respect for All Week” with Mr. Shackman. Generally, her role is to help students build skill sets that they need for the rest of their lives, (i.e., self-awareness/management and conflict resolution). She also sets up professional development for teachers.
- B. Contact info- dbarry@schools.nyc.doe

VI. Fundraising

- A. Nina Collmer stated that CAP is almost funded but we still want to reach goal of 100% participation in CAP and annual fund. Budget revisions are underway.

VII. Lead

- a. Work on plumbing should start at end of this week. Then the water will be retested and a letter will be sent to parents with test results. None of the faucets where lead was found have been turned back on.

VIII. Upcoming Events

- A. Auction
 1. Wendi Lee reminded parents that the auction is currently live online. The committee is in need of night-of volunteers. To date, 210 parents attendees are expected. The online auction can be shared beyond school community.
- B. Broadway Sings
 1. Ticket sales start soon.
- C. Teacher Appreciation Day
 1. March 31st. The PTA hosts a brunch. Thank-you notes from students and parents will be posted all over the school. A sign-up genius will be sent out soon for volunteers.
- D. District Science Fair Expo
 1. A K-8 event at Brandeis High School Building on April 22nd.
- E. The District Art fair will take place May 24-25 at PS 163.

IX. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet Moyle, Recording Secretary