

PS 166 THE RICHARD RODGERS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, February 25, 2021, 12:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

APPROVED AT MARCH 18, 2021, 12 PM MEETING

I. Call to Order

Co-President Ms. Kim called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

A QUORUM was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on January 21, 2021 was made by Ms. Polimeni. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Kim. The minutes were passed with 30 yes and 4 abstentions. The minutes were approved.

III. School Reports

1. Math Presentation: Math Coach Dr. Nicola Godwin, teachers Ms. Chan and Ms. Elisa Zucknovich.
 - Dr. Nicola Godwin addressed the goals for PS 166:
 - Goal 1 - Differentiated instruction for all students to reach their potential. To achieve this goal, rotations and mini lessons are taught in groups. Teachers provide guided practice followed by independent work. Manipulatives, tool kits, charts, differentiated digital manipulatives, etc., are provided.
 - Goal 2 - Assessment to help meet goal 1. Individual data, class data and school data are assessed to achieve this goal and to help plan the curriculum.
 - Goal 3 - Computational fluency and a tool box of efficient strategies for kids.
 - Ms. Chan from third grade shared the following:
 - An example of a floorplan for an area math project.
 - Third grade has differentiated instruction in multiplication and division, for kids who don't know all of their math facts.
 - Kids who need more extended math are given more difficult problems within the same area of math.
 - Exit tickets are given after every lesson and number talk strategy. In exit tickets, the kids are given a chance to try out different ways to solve the problem.
 - State test released practice questions are given at the end of each unit.
 - Mrs. Z from the second grade reported the following:

- Math games have been modified for online use.. Differentiation is practiced in class. There are no rotations this year, but math journal, exit tickets, practice questions, and assessments continue.
 - Children are put in small groups for differentiation.
 - Principal Mastriano addressed queries and reported that there is no math textbook, as the curriculum is written by our staff. Handouts are on Google drive. She also suggested Engage New York and referred to Eureka Math as good resources which the school loosely follows. Math grading system: teachers base grades on tests, number talks, ecam math journals and student work in their math notebook.
 - Links to math resources reported by Principal Mastriano, Dr. Godwin and Ms. Emily will be sent out.
2. Principal Debra Mastriano:
- The ELA and math state tests are supposed to be happening
 - Math test prep is going to start in March. Test prep includes math curriculum review, math games, reading marathons, and watching videos.
 - Test prep will only be during the school hours.
 - On report cards, “N” means needs improvement.
 - Library renovation is in progress.
 - Galaxy fund of approximately \$1300 will be allotted for library books.
 - Cafeteria bathroom work should be completed by the middle of March.
3. Parent Coordinator Deb Markewich
- G&T admissions - announcement will be different this year. March 8, 2021 parents can apply to kindergarten. G&T admission to end on April 9th. Qualification will be based on a questionnaire given in preschool. Sibling priority is still in effect. For older grades, G&T placement will come from waitlists from last year. There will be information sessions starting in March. Offers will be out sometime this summer, could be by late August.
 - Community Education Council in District 3 - parents should apply to be on the board. Apply through MyStudent account by Feb 28. All parents can vote this year.
 - Parent teacher conferences - all remote. The link and password for signing up has been sent out. It will not be student-led.

IV. Presidents’ report

- Ms.Kim thanked all the families for shopping at Books of Wonder, and thanked book fair chair Ms. McNicoll and VP of Events Ms. Petersen.
- PTA elections - parents are encouraged to run for a PTA position.
- Grades K-2 PTA Chat and Budget Review/Feedback Tuesday, March 2, Time: 8:30 PM
- Grades 3-5 PTA Chat and Budget Review/Feedback Wednesday, March 10, Time: 9:30 AM
- CEC3 - parents can run for a spot on the council, and vote for candidates.
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/education-council-elections-2021>
- The CEC3 contact for PS 166 is Kristen Berger: kberger@cec3.org. You can reach out to her with any questions.

- District 3 has created a new website - www.doed3.org. Parents can visit for DOE District 3 information.
- SLT - Ms. Polimeni reported about the elections coming up for SLT and encouraged parents to run. The School Leadership Team's role is to create goals and an action plan for the school's Comprehensive Education Plan.

V. PTA Reports

1. VP Volunteers and Events

- Ms. Petersen updated everyone about the state of volunteering this year. She will be sending out a survey regarding volunteering.
- Broadway Sings is still in the works and information on this will be sent out soon.

2. VP Grants

- Ms. Savov reported on winning a Wellness Grant of \$1k. It will be used for new gym equipment.
- Sustainability grant - Flush buttons are being set up in bathrooms.
- Applied for capital grant funding for next year.
- MET opera funding 5k grant will be used this year.

3. VP Fundraising

- Mr. Franceschi reported that we are within 25% of our fundraising goal. Curriculum coaches, teachers assistants, technology and supplies are all funded by parents for the direct benefit of our children.

4. Treasurers

- Mr. Kolb reported that we are currently on budget, and expenses are lower than in previous years.

5. Green committee

- Mr. Weinberger presented an update. Sustainability Grant will be saving water in school. Anything you can do to extend it to home will make it a wholesome experience for kids.
- Green Committee - green@ps166pta.org, feel free to send us any ideas.
- Green Committee meeting - March 9th, 2021
- Textile & Compost links in the newsletter and online
- Sierra Club NYC webinar on residential composting
<http://bit.ly/SierraClubNYCMar17>
- FreshDirect bag donation program - an email from the company
<http://bit.ly/FreshDirectBags>
- Mark your calendars for EPA's annual Fix a Leak Week, March 15-21, 2021
<https://www.epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week>

V. Upcoming dates and other matters

- Inclusion committee - If interested in co-chairing this committee, please reach out to the PTA.
- March - Budget Review 2020-21 / Find PTA Possible Candidates
- April - Budget Draft 2021-22 / Election Notice & PTA Nominations
- May - Budget Draft 2021-22 for PTA membership review/ Elections
- June - Budget Vote 2021-22

VI. Adjourn

Ms. Kim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Polimeni seconded the motion. The next meeting will be held on March 18, 2021. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary