

PS 166 THE RICHARD RODGERS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY
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PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2021, 9:30 am, Zoom Meeting

APPROVED AT FEBRUARY 25, 2021 12:00 PM MEETING

I. Call to Order

Co-President Ms. Kim called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
A QUORUM was established.

II. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on November 19, 2020 was made by Ms. Polimeni. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Kim. The minutes were passed with 29 yes and 10 abstentions.

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on December 17, 2020 was made by Ms. Polimeni. The MOTION was seconded by Ms. Kim. The minutes were passed with 31 yes and nine abstentions.

III. President's Reports

IV. School Reports

1. Principal Debra Mastriano
 - Updated everyone on Covid testing
2. Guidance Counselor Ms. Michelle MacDonald
 - Runs the social emotional program / Wellness Wednesdays
 - Meets with students individually
 - Has been using Casel and RULER programs in the school
 - In January the topic has been "How do we deal with big emotions"
 - Weekly sessions include mood meter check-ins, normalizing emotions, and discussion questions for the class
3. Special Education Coordinator Ms. Hope Platt
 - Special Needs Coordinator
 - The school's newsletter will include links to DoE resources on steps to apply for an IEP (individualized education plan).

- OT/PT/Speech all available at the school after an off-site assessment
 - Thanks to the PTA for supporting Fountas and Pinnell reading intervention kit. TAs, paras, and teachers are all trained in this intervention.
 - If your child is struggling, the first step is to reach out to your teacher to discuss.
 - Ms. Hope can be reached at splatt@ps166.org
4. Parent Coordinator Deb Markewich
- Fourth graders should have already received info on how to apply to Center School
 - All families should make sure they have a mystudent.nyc account
 - With the exception of K students, families that do not sign a testing consent form will be moved to all-remote (they will contact you before this happens)
 - March 4th parent-teacher conference
 - If a consent form was signed before November 2020, you must submit a new consent form. Also must submit a new consent form if you got a reminder.

IV. PTA Reports

1. VP Volunteers and Events

- Ms. Petersen addressed the meeting and introduced Ms. McNicoll, the chair of the book fair. Ms. McNicoll, spoke to the members present about the event and asked everyone to buy books from Books of Wonder. A link will be sent out with Books of Wonder information. Feb 8-12: Books of Wonder online Book Fair.
- On Tuesday, February 9th, author Erin McGill will be reading her book, *If You Want a Friend in Washington*, to students.
- Going forward will be working on organizing Broadway Sings event
- Spiritwear will soon have a website and are getting other accessories added to the spiritwear
- Open to suggestions

2. VP Grants

- Ms. Savov reported on winning a sustainability grant from DOE. Will be getting push button flushers that are water saving. School will be participating in the NYC Fix the Leak campaign which is for creating awareness.
- We worked with PE teacher Mr Devito to submit a Wellness Grant for new PE equipment and are waiting to hear back.
- Won expense funding from Helen Rosenthal's office.
- Will be applying for a Participatory Budgeting grant.

3. VP Fundraising

- Mr. Franceschi reported on reaching 70% of the family funding goal. Will have other fundraising events and will be continuing the fundraising campaign.

4. Treasurers

- Mr. Kolb informed every one that we are on budget. Fundraising is less this year but also expenses are less.

5. Green committee

- Mr. Weinberger addressed everyone and spoke about the green committee link which is in the newsletter to keep everyone updated.
- Anyone hoping to raise money for 166 through Amazon purchases should

- a) select Friends of PS166 as their Smile charity of choice.
- b) start every shopping session at smile.amazon.com
- Feel free to send ideas and if you have any questions, reach us through our email address green@ps166pta.org

V. Upcoming dates

- Books of Wonder online Book Fair February 8-12th

VI. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on February 25, 2021. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandini Prakash, Recording Secretary