

PS 166Q, April 3, 2023 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 in person. It was called to order at 6:35 PM. Present Exec board members Elizabeth O'Connor, Sean Holohan and PTA committee chairs for Communications, Social Events and ESS were present.

*Please note that we had some technical issues during this meeting so the following notes are accurate however not necessarily in chronological order because we had to jump around on the agenda a bit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Highlights of the minutes were posted on the PTA website for the parental community to review. Minutes for the March 2023 PTA meeting were approved without opposition.

PTA PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Welcomes all families to the meeting
- Expressed PTA's need for help. ALL Exec Board Members are looking for co-chairs. There are vacant committees in need of chairs/co-chairs. Please email the PTA for more details of responsibilities and month to month hours. Having co-chairs helps with workload. We cannot organize events, provide more enrichment etc if we don't have more help.
- Reflection on Magic Show event-first in school event since the pandemic and it raised \$2300, and \$800 from snacks! It was a huge success.
- Nominating Committee-We need 3-5 volunteers, not members of the executive board or planning to run for office. Responsibilities include:
 - Solicit candidates from the general membership, individuals may also, submit their own names to be candidates for offices in writing, responsible for conducting the election meeting, communications Committee can assist with notices, secretary can help with preparing ballots and ballot box from prior elections, verify eligibility of all interested candidates (Principals can help with verification)

**** Nicole, Julie, Nora volunteered! (Sean emailed full names and contact info to exec email)**

- Citywide Education Councils Elections-2023 is an election year. Candidate Forums are beginning. Parents, meet the Candidates running for your councils before voting begins. Voting starts on April 21 through May 9.
- D30 Family Fun Day-Dutch Kills Playground on 36th Ave @ Crescent St on May 13. PS 166 will have a table there and there are many fun activities planned. No RSVP necessary.
- Happy Assistant Principals Week and thank you to Ms. Matsas and Tsimis

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Welcome
- School updates-collecting new or like new clothing items for our new PS 166 families starting today. All sizes from pre-K to 5th grade (and even adult clothing) needed. Primary focus is on kids clothes. No food items or used items please.
- Ms Almonte, our Social Worker, is the temp housing coordinator who communicates with the shelter that many of the families are staying in right now.
- Please come back on time from spring break because of the ELA State Test on April 19th and 20th.

- No school for Spring Break April 6-14, No school for Eid April 21

MS WAXMAN, HYDROPONICS TEACHER, SPECIAL GUEST

- Ms. Waxman shared wonderful pictures, videos and actual vegetables grown in the hydroponics lab on the 4th floor. The students have grown over 70 pounds of food and many veggies were raffled off this evening. The young farmers are learning about healthy foods, plant needs and systems and many other scientific skills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – reported by Elizabeth O’Connor

- Read-a-thon-We raised \$11,114, 35,259 minutes read
- End of year event-June 1st at 5pm, more details to come.

Auction – reported by Elizabeth O’Connor

- Will be online May 8-12
- Next meeting Wednesday, April 19 at 9:00 PM
- Last year we raised approx. \$25k
- Local business donations needed.
- If your business or know of a business who wants to sponsor a banner, please contact Carlos
- We need help with graphics and announcements.

ESS – reported by Tomiko Sharpnack

- Cost for Equitable School Supplies for 2023-2024 will be \$45 per student
- You can also pay it forward to help families who can’t pay by choosing a higher quantity. For example if you have one child you are paying for you can choose quantity ‘2’.

Social – reported by Danielle Bazalais

- Someone Special Dance 4/28, join planning committee which is meeting on April 5th
- One adult per child, \$5 a ticket and RSVP will begin Monday April 17th at 9pm.
- Ice Cream Social – 5/23 – details to come

Comms/Class Parents

- We need parents who have graphic design, MailChimp, website maintenance experience, or even Google Forms, etc.
- If you’d like to simply try out doing some graphics for the PTA, please email elizabeth@ptaofps166.org
- Our website will allow you to add events and meetings to Google or iCal calendars.
- REMINDER: Our entire website can be translated into any language via Google Translate pulldown menu and so can the text of Facebook and Dojo posts.

Student of the Month Presentations

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm