

PS 166Q, March 6, 2023 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in person. It was called to order at 6:40 PM. Present Exec board members Elizabeth O'Connor, Sean Holohan, Barbara Coogan and PTA committee chairs all present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Highlights of the minutes were posted on the PTA website for the parental community to review. Minutes for the February 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.
- Asked for a show of hands to reopen an online swag store. Will poll on FB as well.
- Congrats to the February Students of the Month
- Highlights of Carnival – kids' response to Carnival 'Best day of my life'. Wonderful to have the Carnival tradition back at 166.
- Don't forget to do the school survey which closes on March 31, 2023. Please provide feedback.
- 3k/PreK Open House will be in person on March 8th, 2023 at 830am in the auditorium. Date was changes due to the due date of the PreK application deadline.
- CEC will have a candidate forum on March 8 at 6pm. Please register to hear the candidates. You will need your NYSCA account information in order to vote. If you need the NYSCA please contact Ms. Chacon.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Ms.Geller welcomes all families in person – Last in person meeting was March 2nd, 2020.
- Introduces Ms. Tsimis and Ms. Chacon
- Next basketball game will be on zoom on March 17th. Next 2 games will be at home (166) only basketball and cheer families will be allowed to attend.
- 166 girls won 1st place on chess team
- Again, don't forget to attend the CEC candidate forum.
- Please send in the devices as DOE needs to do a check on devices. Once we scan the device we will give them back.
- Book fair is currently going on this week. This is a school fundraiser not a PTA fundraiser.
- Thursday March 9th half day. Dismissal will be 1125am sharp. Grab and go lunches, no after school
- Mets reading program – Gotta Read Mets only need to log in Monday-Fridays reading time
- Read-a-thon has started – log in Monday-Friday and weekend reading times. This is a PTA fundraiser
- March 7th celebrate Purim, March 8th celebrate Holi
- Anya dance company will host a Holi event for the school on March 10th

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – reported by Elizabeth O'Connor

- Welcome **2 NEW** co-chairs- Athena & Paola
- Read-a-thon – running now 3/2-3/17 – total donations as of 9 am (3/6) \$6,869 and 7616 mins read so far. Books prizes will come from Astoria Bookshop for the student and class who reads the most minutes/sessions, respectively.

Auction – reported by Elizabeth O'Connor

- Will be online May 8-12
- Next meeting 3/7 at 9pm
- 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 – Tomiko, Stephanie & Brian

- Cost for Equitable School Supplies for 2023-2024 will go up to approx. \$45 per student.
- If you cannot pay \$45, please pay what you can.
- We will take inventory of what is needed between now and end of year
- Will take inventory of what is needed for next year.

- We will keep everyone posted

Social – Christa, Danielle

- Magic Show 3/27 at 5:30 pm, \$5 per ticket, volunteers needed, snacks and water will be sold
- Someone Special Dance 4/28, need a planning committee and volunteers
- Ice Cream Social – 5/23 – details to come
- We need parent volunteers for these events.

Comms/Class Parents

- If you are a class parent, please forward PTA info to your class WhatsApp or Facebook page

Enrichment – CareyAnn, Eve

- Showed slides that introduced some of our enrichment partners that provide enrichment classes to our students
 - Anastasia – Dance, Karen Moran – Kidspire, Tom Moran – Chess

TREASURY REPORT

*****Tabled report to next month*****

SLT Report

- Ms. Geller reported
- 6 days, 0 COVID cases reported
- Please follow PS 166Q on social media – Instagram, Facebook, Tiktok

Student of the Month Presentations**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm