

PS 166Q, May 1, 2023 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, May 1, 2023 in person. It was called to order at 6:36 PM. Present Exec board members Elizabeth O'Connor, Sean Holohan and PTA committee chairs for Communications, Social Events and ESS were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

Nomination Committee:

Nicole Arriaga - June 5th is our in person election. Open elected positions President, Secretary, Treasurer. Please attend the meeting to vote. If you are interested in the position please scan the QR code on handout for more information. If you want to join a committee, all committees should have co-chairs. It creates a flexible workload environment.

PTA PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Welcomes all families to the meeting
- Expressed PTA's need for help. Again, next month are our in person elections. 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.
- 1 more PTA meeting. June 5th at 630pm - In person.
- Reminder vote in the CEC D30 elections by May 9th.
- D30 Family Fun Day - May 13th at Dutch Kills Playground. If you want to volunteer please reach out to the PTA.
- Principal's Appreciation Day today May 1st - THANK YOU MS. GELLER
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 8th - 12th
- Congratulations to the students of the month
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Welcome
- ELA testing done via computers for the first time ever. We noticed kids were less stressed and moved through the questions more quickly than paper/pencil.
- State Math test May 2 for grades 3-5, 4th grade will be on the computer
- Next year grades 4 and 5 will do the testing via computers.
- This went so well that starting next year we will teach keyboarding starting in kindergarten
- ELA no essay on the computer
- English language learner test (ELL) will take place the week of May 15th. One cannot refuse or opt out.
- May 22-23 - Field days for grades 3-5
- May 29 - no school, Memorial day
- SLT Vacancy for September. We will vote on this at our next meeting on June 5th

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – reported by Athena & Paola

- Mother's Day Plant Sale - May 11-12, details to come
- End of Year celebration June 1st - Pig Beach, details to come

Auction – reported by Elizabeth O'Connor

- Will be online May 8-12
- Live event on May 12th at 7pm via zoom
- All funds raised will go to our enrichment programs provided by the PTA
- Some of the items are camps, concert tickets, teacher experiences

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'.
- Supplies will be in the classrooms 1st day of school
- Please note this is not a donation

Social – reported by Christa

- D30 Family Fun Day May 13th - please stop by our table. If you want to volunteer reach out to the PTA
- Ice Cream Social - May 23rd in the school courtyard. For **kids only**
- Pig Beach for 166 families (current and new)
- Someone Special Dance - was well received. Thank you to all those who attended. We had \$2090 in ticket sales and \$278 from corsages and boutonnieres

Enrichment – reported by Elizabeth

- Focus is on grades 4 and 5 enrichment. Founder of Kriye Bod, Daniel Guerrior
- Focus is on dance and promoting Haitian culture
- PTA makes this all possible with all funds raised from auctions, social events and fundraisers.

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.

Treasurer Report - reported by Sean

- We need to vote on some budget amendment items
- 5th grade graduation to expand to kindergarten and prek graduation - we need to increase budget by \$500 - ****22 voted Yes****
- Social events - need to increase budget to \$850 for Pig Beach and Family Fun day supplies - ****18 voted Yes****

- Merchandise budget needs to increase to \$4500 for PS 166 Bulldog swag - ****20 voted yes****
- Field Day budget increase to add another \$1000 for supplies and water ****20 voted yes****
- Ess budget increase to pay the initial payment for the next school year 2023-2024 expenses - \$12,000 ****20 voted yes****

Student of the Month Presentations

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm