

PS 166Q, October 3, 2022 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, October 3, 2022 via Zoom. It was called to order at 6:33 PM, presided over by PTA Secretary Barbara Coogan, with Elizabeth O'Connor running slides. PTA board and committee chairs all present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Barb - Welcome all parents and discussed the admin rules for the zoom meeting)

Highlights of the minutes for September 2022 were read to membership. The minutes are approved without opposition.

*****PTA held an expedited election for new PTA President. Since both PTA Secretary and Treasurer will remain in their positions. 1 nomination - Elizabeth O'Connor. All vote Elizabeth O'Connor in as new PTA President for 2022-2023 school year*****

PTA PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Welcomes all families to the meeting
- Friendly reminder that all can volunteer. Any time given to volunteer is appreciated.
- Goes over what the PTA does here at PS166Q

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Ms.Geller welcomes all families
- Assessments have started. K through 5th grades. This helps with curriculum decisions. Hope to be finished by 10/20.
- Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Mexican Day, Salsa lessons.
- No School on 10/5 for Yom Kippur and 10/10 for Indigenous/Italian Heritage Day.
- 10/13: Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10/19: Wear Orange for Unity Day
- 10/31: Character Parade, weather permitting. 830am start, walk twice around the block.
- Parents: if there are changes to your end of day procedures (early pick ups, or someone else will pick up your child, or child will be attending after school) please call the main office by 1pm each day
- Reminder 225pm is Dismissal. If you are late for dismissal your child will be waiting in the auditorium. We ask that you are on time or be a few minutes early to pick up your student.
- Another SLT vacancy. 3yr term, 3 hrs a month via zoom until further notice. SLT discusses anything school related

***** SLT Election - 2 nominees: At this time Ms. Geller holds a vote for the position - Jennifer Aldano and Jennifer Picerno are nominated. Both introduce themselves. 65% vote for Jennifer Aldano and 35% voted for Jennifer Picerno. Jennifer Aldano is the newest member of SLT*****

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESS

- Welcome Brian our ESS chair. He discusses the Equitable School Supplies program in detail.
- Reminder cost is \$25 per child. Please don't forget to pay via PTA website or send in to school in order to keep ESS going. If you have any questions please email info@ptaofps166.org
- Pencils, hand soap, rulers, crayons, white board markers, sanitizers, tissue boxes, paper towels, scissors, notebooks, glue/glue sticks, pencil cases, hand wipes, baby wipes. The supplies get refilled throughout the year as teachers/students need them.
- ESS team always needs volunteers to help distribute and maintain supplies throughout the school year.

Fundraising

- Pragya discusses how successful our Katch event was.
- Picture Day was amazing.
- Panera Bread fundraiser 10/19 - 4pm-8pm. Can order your meals online, look out for details.
- Don't forget to shop [smile.amazon](https://www.amazon.com) and add PTA of PS 166Q
- We are also a 501c3 so we can accept corporate donations

Social

- Danielle and Christa discuss upcoming Hocus Pocus Night 10/31
- Family friendly, not scary
- Hocus Pocus themed, prizes, activities, magic potions, candy for all
- 2 sessions 4-5:15pm and 5:45-7pm. Both sessions need 12 volunteers.

Comms/Class Parents

- Elizabeth, our former communications/class parent chair, introduces Karyn Pavich as new Comms chair (on pinky swear)

- Comms helps with PTA announcements, flyers and organizing class parents
- We are always Translators need as well as marketing, comms experts and graphic designers or if you would like to be a class parent for your student's class please contact info@ptaofps166.org

Enrichment

- Welcome CareyAnne and Evie our enrichment co-chairs. They discuss the enrichment lineup for the Fall.
- Some gaps with the Spring sessions as some vendors will not return as they are no longer running due to covid such as hip hop and ballroom dancing
- All enrichment classes are done in the classroom at no cost to parents. This is what fundraising is for - enrichment classes for the school.

TREASURY REPORT

- Sean, our Treasurer, discusses the financial report.
- \$144k open balance
- Down next month due to ESS payment will be approx \$16k, swag store and Hocus Pocus costs. Total down will be approx \$18k
- We collected \$187 from Amazon Smile (quarterly payments)
- If your company offers corporate match please reach out to Sean at info@ptaofps166.org

SLT Report

- Michelle Perr who is on the SLT gives SLT update
- Covid update 2-3 cases, more monthly covid tests going home
- Title 1 - additional funds for school. We get Title 1 from 60% of families being below the poverty line. 1% of school Title 1 funds.
- Reminder no school 10/5 and 10/10
- CEP - assessing educational goals for the year
- FUNdation training - all teachers have taken
- Mr. Riorden is our reading specialist programming to begin soon

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm