

PS 166Q, November 7, 2022 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, November 7, 2022 via Zoom. It was called to order at 6:35 PM. Present Exec board members Elizabeth O'Connor, Sean Holohan. PTA committee chairs all present for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PTA PRESIDENT REPORT:

- Welcomes all families to the meeting
- Friendly reminder that all can volunteer. Any time given to volunteer is appreciated.
- Fundraising chair or co-chairs needed, we have a blurb about time commitment and responsibility if you are interested in the position
- Great job to the Social Committee for a fantastic October event
- Congrats to the October Students of the Month
- Reminder that all PTA members are volunteers and we take complaints and feedback very seriously. Please get involved and be mindful that everyone has other responsibilities outside of the PTA

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Ms.Geller welcomes all families
- Covid case load is hovering around 4 cases a day, please keep your child home if they are sick and please use your covid tests
- PS 166 will participate in the Spelling Bee for the first time, first in class, then school wide, then district wide
- Ask your child about the excitement that's happening in the brand new hydroponics lab! We will be posting pictures of the amazing growth in the lab
- No school Nov 8, Nov 11, Nov 24-25
- Dec 1 ½ day for students, go home at 11:35 (?), no afterschool but bussing will operate
- The reason the marking period is Dec instead of Nov is so that the first marking period is more of ½ of the school year. Otherwise Marking Term 1 is very short and teachers don't have enough time to get to know your child
- PS 166 calendar on the school website will be back up this week

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ESS

- Welcome Brian our ESS chair. He discusses the Equitable School Supplies program in detail.
- Please pay if you haven't
- Brian reviewed program and it's value
- Introduce Tomiko and Stephanie as new co-chairs
- SLT suggestion to make the flier less wordy and ask for money more times throughout the year
- Let's use the in person events at school to remind people to pay

Fundraising – reported by Elizabeth O’Connor

- Made over \$294.49 from Panera
- Original work explained, holiday fundraiser coming up
- Everyday earnings: set up Amazon Smile, Flip Give, Shutterfly (please refer to the website for all of these great money makers!)
- Someone please volunteer to be the Fundraising chair or co-chair

Social

- Thanks to everyone for Hocus Pocus, incredibly successful event, needed a few more volunteers for second session
- International Food Night 5:30-7pm, need volunteers, every family brings a covered dish or a cultural game to share, will be capped due to space restrictions
- We will start asking for volunteers earlier to make sure events can take place

Comms/Class Parents

- If you are a class parent, please forward PTA info to your class WhatsApp or Facebook page
- Someone volunteered to translate to Arabic but we don’t know your email, please email us!

Enrichment

- Programs that will start
- Grade 1 Dance RIOULT started (no date mentioned)
- Grade 4 Chess with Tom started (no date mentioned)
- Grade 5 NYC Theater is meeting tomorrow, started soon
- Grade 2 Art House TBD
- Grade K will have dance in the spring

TREASURY REPORT

- Sean, our Treasurer, discusses the financial report.
- \$124k open balance
- ESS will be going up next year as the cost of supplies goes up and teachers readjust to needing more supplies for in person instruction
- 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
- Student Government is up and running, kids are voting
- State tests will be digital starting next year, we may pilot the digital test this year with some classes

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm