

PS 166Q, September 11, 2023 PTA meeting:

The general monthly meeting for the PTA of PS 166Q was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 in person. It was called to order at 6:43 PM. Present Exec board members Athena Gonzalez, Barbara Coogan, Claudia Henriquez, Tara Woebbe-Alcaraz and PTA committee chairs for Enrichment, 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 June 2023 PTA meeting were approved without opposition.

*******Expedited: PTA Elections for 2023-2024**

Election for/CoTreasurer is open. New kindergarten parent Brian Krichevsky nominates himself. Motion to approve 27. Brian is Co-Treasurer for 2023-2024.

Elections conclude at 6:52 p.m. *****

PTA PRESIDENT REPORT: 6:56pm

- Welcomes all families to the meeting
- First meeting of the school year 2023-2024.
- PTA exec board and committee chairs introductions
- 2 vacancies for Garden Committee (email pta for those who are interested)
- Looking forward to a wonderful school year and working with general membership and Ms.Geller/ and staff
- Congratulations to the students of the month

Treasurer Report - reported by Claudia

- We need to vote on our proposed budget for the school year 2023-2024
- Some amendments have been made from June’s proposed budgets. We increase social events and school events for inflation. We also added a budget for the Auction(Our biggest fundraiser) as we anticipate hosting it in person this school year.

- Proposed budget for 2023-2024

2023-2024 Proposed PTA Budget Amendments

Starting Balance (est.)	Ending Balance	Total Change
129,593	85,949	-\$43,644

Total Revenue	Total Expenses
\$82,950	-\$126,594

Planned Revenue (estimated) (minus related costs)

	Revenue	Costs	Net Profit
Auction	\$25,000	-\$4,200	\$20,800
Read-a-Thon	\$8,000	-\$500	\$7,500
School Pictures	\$4,500	-\$200	\$4,300
Merchandise	\$15,000	-\$12,000	\$3,000
Giving Tuesday	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Valentine's Day Sale	\$5,000	-\$2,500	\$2,500
100 day of school	\$5,000	-\$2,500	\$2,500
Plant Sale	\$4,500	-\$2,400	\$2,100
Passive Fundraisers	\$1,750	-\$150	\$1,600
Fall Festival	\$5,000	-\$3,500	\$1,500
Magic Show	\$2,000	-\$600	\$1,400
Carnival	\$6,000	-\$5,200	\$800
Partnership Income	\$500	\$0	\$500

Planned Expenses (estimated)

	Revenue	Costs	Net Profit
Enrichment	\$0	-\$62,600	-\$62,600
Administrative	\$0	-\$7,200	-\$7,200
Teacher Appreciation	\$0	-\$3,800	-\$3,800
Treasury	\$0	-\$1,700	-\$1,700
Pig Beach	\$1,400	-\$3,000	-\$1,600
Garden	\$0	-\$1,594	-\$1,594
End of Year Bagel Breakfast	\$0	-\$1,500	-\$1,500
Someone Special Dance	\$2,000	-\$3,000	-\$1,000
Ice Cream Social	\$0	-\$1,000	-\$1,000
Communications	\$0	-\$1,000	-\$1,000
Fright Night	\$0	-\$750	-\$750
Multicultural Food Fest	\$0.00	-\$700.00	-\$700
Cooking Event	\$0	-\$500	-\$500
ESS	\$27,000	-\$27,400	-\$400
Start of Year Event(s)	\$0	-\$200	-\$200
Movie Nights	\$1,050	-\$1,150	-\$100
School Events (Field Day, Yearbook, Graduation)	0	-7200	-7200

- All in favor - **25 voted yes**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising – reported by Athena & Paola

- Fundraises for Enrichment as well as ESS
- Pig Event (welcome back) event 9/13 4-8pm
- Swag Sale ongoing
- Name Bubbles - washable name tags (via link). Percentage of proceeds go to PTA
- Picture Day 10/5 and 10/6 - details to come

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 were provided the 1st day of school and they get replenished throughout the year. The cost of \$45 for supplies provides your student school supplies for the whole school year
- Approximately 500 families paid
- You can send cash (label it ESS and your student's name and grade), use the QR code of pay for it on our PTA website
*****Co-President Tara speaks on how helpful this is. Not all schools are doing this. If families don't pay, this service can't continue. Ms.Geller provides insight on how helpful it is not to have students carry bags of supplies the first week of school because the PTA already helps provide this. \$45 assures that all students get the same supplies.*****

Enrichment – reported by Joseph V

- Several Enrichment programs are in the works
- Town Hall - Dance
- Art House - Theater and Music
- Chess
- Architecture
- Will send out a survey to see what the general membership would like to see more of

Social – reported by Danielle

- All social events are FREE
- Pasta Night - 9/19, 530-730pm. Limited Capacity, RSVP will be sent out 9/14
- Mad Scientist event in October - Stay tuned
- Always in need of volunteers. Please email PTA

Comms/Class Parents - reported by Athena

- Our comms chair is out today. She is in need of a co-chair. Please email the PTA.
- Comms provides logos, emails, images, graphics for all of our committees, Class Dojo, social media
- Comms will be in charge of Class Parents - more info to come. Stay tuned
- If you'd like to simply try out doing some graphics for the PTA, please email elizabeth@ptaofps166.org

Auction - reported by Athena

- We have 2 new auction chairs who couldn't attend.
- We anticipate hosting in person this year. Stay Tuned
- We will need volunteers to help with this

Garden - reported by Athena

- In need of garden committee chairs
- Meets with 4-5 classes a month
- Sept-Oct and again April-June
- There's a spring butterfly activity
- Garden is in the parameter around the school
- Please email the PTA if interested

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Welcomes all families
- This is Ms. Geller's 22nd year. Ms Timis AP for early education to 2nd grade and Ms. Matsas AP for 3rd-5th grade, Parent Coordinator Ms. Chacon (speaks Spanish)
- Asks for forgiveness as Ms. Geller is behind on emails due to ongoing registration. Enrolling new students everyday.
- Please check PS166 school website - there's a virtual folder with lots of information.
- All students took home a blue folder with the student/parent contract and cell phone policy
- Reminder students CANNOT use iphones, apple watches and device during the school day. If you need to speak to your child, please call the office.
- Will be hosting a safety townhall to discuss drills/lockdowns. We explain to the students in age appropriate language what they are. We don't let teachers/families know when the drills happen.
- Bussing - relatively smooth during 1st week of school. We have 12 buses in the afternoon. We attended bus training in case they have a strike.
- Metro cards will be provided to students and caregivers if strike were to happen. We can not enact this unless strike happens
- If you have any questions please email the school. Alot of staff members have access to the email so someone will respond.
- Calendar - Hispanic Heritage Month starts 9/15
- 9/15 - in celebration of Mexican Independence Day please wear red, white and green
- 9/21 - tie dye day
- 9/25 - no school in observance of Yom Kippur
- 9/14 - meet the teacher via zoom. Teachers will communicate information via class dojo
- There are 2 after school - Serious Fun which started on 9/11 and Jacob Riis which starts 9/17. Please note that they are separate from the school.
- The department of education is rebranding themselves as NYC Public Schools (NYCPS)
- We need to vote on the 1st parent/teacher conference to allow us more time to get to know your children. Instead of having it 11/2 we would like to host it on 11/30 **(35 votes were in favor)**

- We get 3 report cards, 4 marking periods where the 4th marking period is the final grade.

SLT - reported by Athena

- SLT is the School Leadership Team(a combination of teachers, staff, PTA and parents -who are voted in when there is an opening)
- Ms.Geller covered SLT during her report

Student of the Month Presentations

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm