

PS 166 The Richard Rodgers School of the Arts & Technology
132 West 89th Street, New York, NY 10024

General PTA Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 16, 2019 8:30am. • Cafeteria

APPROVED Unanimously at June 13, 2019 Meeting

1. Call to Order

Co-President Ms. Solomon called the meeting to order at 8:34am.
Quorum was established.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting

A MOTION to approve the minutes from the general membership meeting held on April 18, 2019 meeting was made by Ms. Gelina. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Weinberger. The minutes were passed unanimously.

3. Election of Executive Board

Co-presidents: Rachel Polimeni and Daria Kim
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

Co-Treasurer: Will Kolb and Wanda Lin
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

Recording Secretary: Chandini Prakash
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

VP Grants: Kristin Savov
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

VP Volunteers: Annalisa Peterson
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

Financial Secretary: Simon Franceschi
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

Communications Secretary: Laura Beech
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

VP Fundraising: John Situ
Motion made by: Ms. Volkmer
Seconded by: Mr. Weinberger
Vote Result: Unanimously approved

4. President's Report

a. Classroom Libraries

Mr. Alvarez made a MOTION that \$25,000 allotted for Science and Technology be used to purchase Chrome. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dugan. The MOTION was approved unanimously.

Mr. Alvarez made a MOTION to spend \$17,500 raised during paddle raise to be used by school for classroom libraries seconded by Ms. Scoobie, approved unanimously.

The group discussed the importance of classroom libraries. Principal has requested an additional \$22,000 to fully fund the classroom libraries. AP Anav reported that the classroom library books, are old, old dated, ripped, not on grade level. Lower grades need more books while upper grades need more genres. Teachers' College is making updated classroom libraries that the school would like to buy.

Question: How does TC address students above grade level? Diversity? AP Anav answered that all libraries have books above and below grade level and ICT has even greater range. All libraries are diverse, this is one of the reasons for requesting the upgrade.

Question: Are there workbooks for these libraries? No

Mr. Alvarez makes motion to fundraise to get an additional \$22,000 for additional classroom library, whatever is not raised we will allocate the difference in order to fund the classroom libraries. The motion was approved, one vote against.

5. Budget

Ms. Dugan and Mr. Alvarez reported there was \$437,000 received in Family Giving and \$52,000 in matching gifts. Next year's budget was reviewed. We have the month to discuss and we will vote on budget at next meeting.

Question: What is schools budget compared to PTA budget? What is school responsible for compared to what is PTA responsible for? Answer- The group discussed how to see school budget.

6. Committees

a. Dinner Fundraiser

Ms. Dipasquale holding a fundraiser at her apartment on June 6.

b. Broadway Sings

Mr. Alvarez reported that Broadway Sings has been working day and night. Great talent is lined up for the night. Need volunteers and people to buy tickets.

c. Grants

Ms. Polimeni reported that we recently received around \$2000 to purchase a new garden shed and several planters for the reading garden from the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant. Library updates are in the works, and will hopefully be completed this summer. However, an official start date has not yet been determined by the School Construction Authority.

7. Principals Report

Parent Coordinator reported that Field Day was a success for lower grades and working to reschedule it for upper grades. We need a field that can hold over 300 people, turf would be preferred. Parent Teacher Workshop night is this Wednesday upcoming details will be in the newsletter.

8. New Business

The group discussed having Recreate service align more with the DoE calendar. Parent Coordinator and PTA Board will discuss with Recreate and follow up.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Carl D. Cambria, Recording Secretary