

Friends of P. S. 166, Inc.  
132 W. 89th Street  
New York, NY 10024

**Minutes of the Board meeting 6 March 2003.**

**Members Attending:** MB Walsh, P Reilly, J Freeman, S Callender, I Gershenhorn, S Williams, F Grifo, S Parker-Frazier, J Davidge (secretary).

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1. **Minutes Ratified.** The minutes of 2 October 2002 were ratified with these corrections: 1) A \$15,000 grant under discussion from Richard Rodgers Fdn not related to the name change, and JF offered to take the question of benefits accruing to the RR name-change to the Fdn. via Henry Chapin; 2) Correct spelling of the principal's last name as listed above.
2. **JF discussed grants.** Said that now is the time to submit grants relative to budgeting process. Noted Stringer (\$1,500), O'Donell, Brewer, Snyderman (\$7,000) have discretionary budgets. Suggested putting together \$5,000 'needs' to be submitted to sources for their choice, and reviewed priorities for each. Discussed \$4,000 carryover that needed to be used.
3. **General Discussion.** SW said some books available from Random House at half price. PR said books were needed for guided reading at various levels. PR discussed needs: Sufficient \$'s for math i.e. \$3,000 per class; consultants for professional development in math and science 5-6 days per year would be desirable; noted \$240,000 going due to loss of title 1; doesn't think music or dance threatened.
4. **Richard Rodgers & Alma Bloomgarden.** Discussed process of contacting foundation via Henry Chapin whose brother is CEO of Fdn.. Said RR's two daughters were thrilled about idea. Said JF had written a proposal with \$17,000 budgeted. Henry Chapin will come to general school meeting and present. General discussion: of how a vote would work; presentation to PTA and school; required process with BOE, noting Phil Santisi at PS 96 or 97 had been through the process, Jay Hecht at District 3 is knowledgeable; noted sense of urgency.
5. **Motion to adjourn.** JD moved, MB seconded, approved.