



**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
Minutes of the General Meeting of October 19, 2010**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. The Co-Presidents gave all members time to review the minutes of the September 21, 2010 General Membership Meeting. After a brief interval, a motion was made to adopt the minutes of the June meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
3. Co-Presidents' announcements:
 - a. The co-presidents introduced the Treasurer. The Treasurer reported year-to-date income of \$39,000 and expenses of \$10,000.
 - b. The co-presidents reported that several committees met this afternoon. The co-presidents encouraged members to reach out to the committees if they have questions, concerns, or want to get involved.
 - i. Due to the cost of Extended Use Time committees will meet before 6:00pm.
 - c. The co-presidents reported that translation funding was cut by 50%.
 - d. The co-presidents discussed the role of PA funding to improve the physical plant of the school such as padding the walls of the gym.
4. College Advisement Survey:
 - a. The College Committee co-chair announced to the membership that they are conducting a survey about the PA sponsored college advisement sessions. The co-chair encouraged the membership to fill out the survey to give the PA feedback.
5. Elections:
 - a. The second VP conducted the PA elections
 - i. The following ran uncontested:
 1. Shansul Siddique – Senior Parent-At-Large
 2. Christina Ross – Junior Parent-At-Large
 3. Meredith Flomenbaum – Sophomore Parent-At-Large
 4. Shien Massey – Sophomore Parent-At-Large
 5. Anna Liefshitz – Sophomore Parent-At-Large
 - ii. Uncontested candidates made a brief presentation to introduce themselves to the membership.
 - iii. The second VP made a motion to elect the uncontested candidates by affirmation. The motion was seconded, voted upon and approved.
 - b. The second VP conducted the contested elections for Freshman Parent-At-Large and SLT positions.
 - i. The candidates introduced themselves to the membership and made campaign speeches.
 - ii. The First VP thanked the candidates and wished them luck. Ballots will be cast and the votes tabulated after the meeting.
 - c. A question was raised by a member concerning the Title 1 SLT position.
6. Parent Teacher Conferences:
 - a. The appropriations chairperson notified the membership that one of the handouts at today's meeting provides tips for getting the most out of the open school night parent-teacher conferences.
7. Upcoming Events:
 - a. The co-presidents announced upcoming events.
 - i. The school paper, The Spectator, will hold an interest meeting on Wednesday October 20th and Thursday October 21st after 10th period.
 - ii. The next PA general meeting will be held on November 16th. The meeting will discuss Title 1 funding and course selection.
8. Presentation by Kalman Chany:

- a. The college committee co-chair introduced the keynote speaker Kalman Chany. Mr. Chany is a noted authority on financial aid and paying for college. Mr. Chany gave a detailed overview of the college financial aid process.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Bauer, Recording Secretary