



## Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of December 21, 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 November 16, 2010 General Membership Meeting. After a brief interval, a motion was made to adopt the minutes of the November meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.
3. Co-Presidents' announcements:
  - a. The co-presidents and the treasurer gave an update on fundraising, that the Annual Appeal had raised approximately \$120,000 since July.
  - b. The co-presidents reported that the PA soon expected the return of its \$60,000 per session monies from the DOE for funds the PA gave to the school last year but were no longer needed.
  - c. The co-presidents invited Principal Teitel to address the members. Principal Teitel gave season's greetings and informed parents that only cards or small gifts should be given to teachers. Money or items larger than tokens are not permitted. Donations may be made to the PA in honor of teachers.
4. Committee Reports:
  - a. The Academic Committee Chair announced that the committee delivered a report on graduation requirements to the Executive Board, which was also given to SLT and Principal Teitel, who was thanked for attending the last EB meeting to address this issue. The Chair summarized that the committee hoped there would be flexibility in the fourth year of math requirement, and that there would continue to be a variety of offerings. Additional topics are foreign language, course offerings, and what to do with students doubling up in math.
  - b. The College Committee Chair announced 2 important upcoming dates: the meeting with Pat Cleary for all Junior parents on Mar 31, when the College Handbook will be distributed and the process of college applications will be reviewed; and Apr 28, the annual College Night when about 150 colleges will meet with Junior families. A keynote speaker will be scheduled and students can attend 5 different meetings with colleges of the students' choice. Many volunteers are needed for the evening with college representatives.
  - c. The Co-presidents reiterated that the major PA event Spring Feast is being organized, and tickets were available at \$65 per individual and \$600 per table. Volunteers are needed for this event.
  - d. The Co-presidents announced that the Executive Board approved the formation of a PA Title I sub-committee, as required by the Department of Education. The Title I Committee as approved at the last EB meeting had Loretta Au as Chair, Shamsul Siddique as Recording Secretary, and Francois Attal as Budget Liaison. Members voted in favor of the formation of this committee. Members were encouraged to join the committee.
  - e. The Title I Committee Chair gave an update on the Title I. 1% of Title I monies granted to Stuyvesant, approximately \$15,000, is available for parent involvement expenses. The Title I Chair mentioned various suggestions from parents, including college advisement, computer literacy courses, teacher communication, stress management, parent communications, information on academic requirements, and meet and greets between Assistant Principals and parents. The Chair invited more input.
  - f. The Co-presidents announced that the PA is working on a screening of **Race to Nowhere** followed by a discussion on stress. Beth Bacon and Chris Ross are co-chairs for this event.
  - g. The Co-presidents announced that Nobel Prize Winner Stuy Alum Roald Hoffmann will meet PA members.
  - h. The Co-presidents announced that the next PA meeting will have teachers speaking on research and competitions. Theresa Jacobs, Independent Research Committee Chair was introduced. Thanks were given to Chris Ross for programming help.
5. Featured Speakers

a. Summer Opportunities

- a. Research Coordinator Dr. Gastel spoke on summer opportunities in the sciences.
- b. Social Studies Assistant Principal Jennifer Suri spoke on summer opportunities in the social sciences.
- c. Parent Coordinator Harvey Blumm spoke on summer internships.

6. Following the presentation, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Barbara Reiser, Communications Secretary.*