



**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association  
Minutes of the General Meeting of April 27, 2011**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. The Co-Presidents gave all members time to review the minutes of the March 22, 2011 General Membership Meeting. After a brief interval, a motion was made to adopt the minutes of the March meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
3. Messages from Co-Presidents:
  - a. The Co-Presidents reported on the Spring Feast fundraising results. It was noted that this year's attendance and net revenue from the event was unprecedented. Approximately 650 to 700 people attended the event with net revenue from the event of approximately \$33,000.
  - b. The Co-Presidents reported that anticipated revenues from PA fundraising activities are on target for the year. Approximately \$260,000 has been collected as of April 11, 2011.
  - c. The Co-Presidents reported that there may be a surplus this year. Unused funds will be rolled-over to next year's PA budget which will be presented to membership for approval at the May general membership meeting.
    - i. The Co-Presidents responded to a question seeking clarification of Spring Feast revenues. The Co-Presidents reported that the \$24,000 indicated on the financial report does not include add revenue of approximately \$9,000.
  - d. The Co-Presidents asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominations Committee.
4. Academic Assistant Principal Presentations:
  - a. The Co-Presidents introduced Mr. Eric Grossman, AP of the English department. Mr. Grossman discussed Stuyvesant's English curriculum noting that it is one department that does not have a set curriculum and allows teachers greater freedom to structure classes. He reported that English classes are structured around reading, writing, and discussion. He discussed the importance of English as a foundation for understanding the curriculum and reading assignments of other departments. Mr. Grossman reviewed the basic structure of the curricula from freshman to senior years. He also reported that there is a writing center staffed by Teacher's College students, which helps students with writing assignments for all subjects. The center is open 10 periods a day. Mr. Grossman fielded questions from the floor regarding the English department.
  - b. The Co-Presidents introduced Dr. Jonathan Gastel, who spoke about the Biology department and course offerings from freshman through senior year. It was indicated that AP classes are oversubscribed, so strict cut-offs are in place. After school tutoring and help is available Wednesday and Thursday in rooms 715 and 717. He indicated that missed labs must be made up on the following Tuesday.
5. Announcements and Committee Reports:
  - a. The Co-Presidents requested help from the membership to evaluate upgrades to the auditorium sound system.
  - b. The Co-Presidents reported that the family college advisement slots are fully booked. They advised Junior parents that have not signed up to put their name on the waiting list. This is the only way to open up additional slots.
  - c. The Co-Presidents announced the speaker for an upcoming PA event. Dr. Brian Greene, Stuyvesant Class of 1980, will speak at Stuyvesant on May 10. The cost is \$10.
6. Featured Speaker:
  - a. The Co-Presidents introduced the featured speaker, Assistant DA Robert Shull. Mr. Shull spoke about cyber crime, on-line safety, and cyber bullying.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.