



Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of May 24, 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 April 27, 2011 General Membership Meeting. After a brief interval, a motion was made to adopt the minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
3. Academic Assistant Principal Presentations:
 - a. The Co-Presidents introduced Ms. Jennifer Suri, AP of the Social Studies department. Ms. Suri announced changes to the department's website and presented an overview of the Social Studies curriculum from freshman through senior year. She explained the pre-requisite and academic requirements for AP classes and electives and discussed research opportunities available through the Social Studies department. Ms. Suri gave out her direct telephone number (212-312-4932) encouraging parents to contact her regarding academic or placement issues. At the end of her presentation, Ms. Suri fielded questions from the floor regarding the Social Studies curriculum.
4. Elections:
 - a. The Nominating Committee Chairman introduced the candidates for 2012 PA Executive Board Officers. Since the election is uncontested, the Chairman reported that the election will be by motion and vote of the Recording Secretary as stipulated in the bylaws. The Recording Secretary made a motion and voted in favor of electing the slate of candidates. Barbara Reiser & Wei Lam were elected Co-Presidents; Dave Venderbush was elected First Vice President; Bruce Hood was elected Second Vice President; Alta Indelman was elected Recording Secretary; Michele Herman was elected Corresponding Secretary; Bill Kaczmarek was elected Treasurer; and Beth Bacon was elected Assistant Treasurer.
 - i. All candidates present introduced themselves to the membership. The Co-Presidents thanked all of the candidates.
5. Messages from Co-Presidents:
 - a. The Co-Presidents showed several slides of photographs from this year's Spring Feast that depicted the kind of school spirit that is active at Stuy. They noted that the school spirit extends beyond graduation as demonstrated by several alumni families that attended the event. The Co-Presidents extended special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the Spring Feast, Alice Fung and Michelle Man and to Rong Cao and Wei Lam for their hard work on this event.
 - b. The Second VP explained recent updates to the PA's bylaws promulgated by revisions to the Chancellor's A660 regulations. The changes will be posted on the website for the membership to review.
 - c. The Treasurer reviewed the PA's profit and loss statement which was distributed to attendees. It was reported that the PA's income is approximately \$50,000 more than expenses.
 - d. The Co-Presidents reviewed the proposed 2012 budget which was distributed to attendees. After explaining the budget and the proposed changes for the coming year, the Co-Presidents answered questions from the general membership.
 - i. The membership requested clarification on the effect Title 1 funds had on the PA budget. It was reported that Stuyvesant was fortunate to receive Title 1 funding which provided approximately \$1.6 million to the school. The PA received approximately \$16,000 for parent outreach and the Administration used some Title 1 funds to pay for family college advisement, which is traditionally funded by the PA. As a result, the PA has surplus funds this year. The Co-Presidents explained that the surplus will help offset a portion of the education budget cuts anticipated for next year.

- ii. The membership asked for clarification on how the city budget will effect Stuyvesant. The Co-Presidents reported that the magnitude of the cuts is unknown and it is not clear if Title 1 funding will be available to Stuy next year. PA funds will be used to offset the cuts where permissible.
- iii. A motion was made to approve the 2012 budget. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

6. Featured Event:

- a. The College Committee Chairperson introduced the Parent-to-Parent panelists. The panelists provided a parental perspective on the college application and admissions process and answered questions from the membership.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Paul Bauer, Recording Secretary