



**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
Minutes of the General Meeting of May 22, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm
2. The minutes from April 24 were approved following a motion, seconding, and voting.
3. Review of financial reports
 - a. Bill Kaczmarek introduced the end of April financial reports
 - i. Bank balance is \$560,000, which includes funds for 2012-2013 expenses
 - ii. The year-to-date revenues raised are \$235,000. Year to-date expenses are \$169,000.
4. Approval of proposed 2012-2013 budgets, Co-President Wei Lam
 - a. Propose \$284,600 expense budget for the next school year
 - i. We held fewer special events this year, resulting in less income (note: in 2011-2012, special events brought in \$15,000 in income).
 - ii. Budget includes extra \$10,000 for PA appropriations budget
 - iii. Teams performed well, which required additional year-end support of out-of-town tournament costs, and added to demand on PA appropriations
 - iv. Budget includes more funding for meeting translators to cover DOE cut backs.
 - v. We project a need to draw an estimated \$35,000 from reserve fund to cover 2012-2013 expenses because of anticipated lower 2011-2012 revenues.
 - vi. We project about \$70,000 less in Annual Appeal revenues for current year. Incoming freshman families are sending in contributions now; current families are contributing less than previous years.
 - b. Motion to approve was seconded; motion passed by show of hands
5. Proposed Calendar Change by Principal Stanley Teitel
 - a. DOE allows principals to turn June 25 and 26 into professional development days
 - i. UFT contract states teachers cannot work the last two days of June
 - ii. June 25 is graduation day and proposed non-attendance day
 - iii. June 26 will be a school day with shortened periods. Children can get work back.
 - iv. PA must vote to approve conversion of June 25 into a non-attendance day
 - b. Motion to approve was seconded and passed by a show of hands
6. Message from the Parent Coordinator, Harvey Blumm
 - a. Reiterated he is available for help
 - b. Call if you are still looking for summer work or internships
7. Co-President Comments
 - a. Bidding is still open for several silent auction items
8. Elections, Bruce Hood

- a. PA Executive Board officers election – slate is uncontested. Elected officers include Co-Presidents (Christina Ross and Peter Galasinao), First Vice President (Susanne Fischer), Second Vice President (David Venderbush), Treasurer (Steven Bloom), Assistant Treasurer (Wei Lam), Corresponding Secretary (Bonnie Beacher), and Recording Secretary (Alta Indelman)
- b. Motion made and seconded to approve the slate, approved by show of hands
- c. New slate effective on July 1
- d. Barbara Reiser congratulated the officers-elect

9. Committee Updates

- a. College
 - i. Pam announced upcoming Thursday (April 26) is panel on holistic college admission process, which was organized by the College Office

10. Announcements

- a. Jeopardy! contest with students, parents, alum, and teachers at 6/12 meeting
- b. SLT representative elections at 6/12 PA meeting. We still need candidates.
- c. Other important dates are in the agenda

11. Town hall meeting with Principal Stanley Teitel

- a. School has received 130 ventilation units to improve heating and cooling in individual classrooms. Installation cost will be paid from 2012-2013 budget. Building is not uniform in temperature, which will be addressed by these units. Installation will occur during summer.
- b. Pool needs to be renovated. Protective membrane under the deck is no longer functioning or was never installed. Water drips below. Pool will go out of service in July and may not be ready for the fall semester. The DOE funding has been appropriated so the work will start this summer. Alternative arrangements have been made for the swim team, girls in the fall, boys in the spring. Pool is mainly used by freshmen, who must demonstrate proficiency to graduate.
- c. Most of scaffolding is gone. Still need to replace some of the walkway in front, which will be done over the summer.
- d. School programming issue came up at recent SLT meeting. State requires all students to be programmed for 5.5 instructional hours per day. Almost half the senior class currently do not meet the mandate. Will transfer teaching time from lower to upper grades to cover additional instructional hours. As a result, incoming freshman may only register for eight classes plus lunch. Seniors will take seven classes plus Lunch. May be an issue for students taking chorus or band and math team, which would add up to nine periods. The school is unlikely to get more money to cover the additional classes for seniors. This year's seniors are excused from the mandate. Prefer to limit freshman rather than juniors and seniors to cover these hours.
- e. Q. How to monitor students' progress if they haven't received tests back yet? Students will get it back on June 26. Work must be returned. Within a week seems reasonable. May depend on the teacher's professional and personal obligations.
- f. Q. English papers may take the entire semester to be returned? It shouldn't take that long. Will take it up with staff.

12. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm following a motion to adjourn that was seconded and approved by a show of hands.