



**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association  
Minutes of the General Meeting of October 16, 2012**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Co-President Peter Galasinao.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012, meeting. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

**3. Principal Jie Zhang's Greeting**

- The principal said the administration is at the very end of handling the cheating incident and is ready to move on. She has been in contact with alums and current parents to look into getting some positive press for the school, as discussed at last month's PA meeting.
- She said she was happy to report that a new guidance counselor has been hired and that Guidance Counselor Jeremy Wang will officially become a college counselor this week, taking over the workload of Pat Cleary, who retires in two weeks. He is being trained informally. To help ease the burden in the College Office, she has also budgeted some overtime for a clerical worker to help upload college applications and assigned a Guidance Office secretary to help two days a week. She said she hopes for a smooth application process, with well-served juniors.
- The school has not received 1,266 lunch forms; an email reminder is going out to families. The form can be completed online. She plans to send out an email reminder to all families that evening.
- She said that parents are welcome to call or email her anytime.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Steve Bloom reported that revenue is well below the goal, down \$11,400 from this time last year. The Annual Appeal Drive has brought in only \$15,500 to date this year. He said that the first few months of the school year are usually strong, and that the number for this month is skewed by a small number of large donations. He urged parents to give.

**5. Election**

Second Vice President Dave Venderbush called nominees to the stage to give their brief speeches. He also encouraged all parents to get involved. Here are the nominees:

***Sophomore Members at Large: (vote for any 3)***

Jian (James) Du  
Carol Taylor  
Danhua Zhang  
Aileen Zhong

***Freshmen Members at Large: (vote for any 5)***

Randi Grossman Amick  
Denise Brecher (represented by her husband)  
Jennifer Cheng (not present)  
Shirley Chin  
David Fishelson  
Jessica Kim  
Dolly Rosen  
Rachel Simon  
Lily Yuan

***SLT Freshman Rep (vote for one; second highest vote getter will become the alternate):***

Denise Brecher  
Patty Ceruzzi  
Wai Wah Chin  
Heather Higgins  
Lily Yuan

**6. Upcoming Events**

Co-President Christina Ross reminded parents of the following upcoming dates:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences the evening of Thursday October 25 and the afternoon of Friday October 26. Friday morning October 26 (a half-day for students) is also Open School Day, with parents encouraged to sit in on their children's shortened classes.
- No school on Election Day (Tuesday November 6) and on Veterans Day (Monday November 12).
- Next PA meeting: Tuesday November 20.

**7. Special Program Presentation**

College financing consultant Kal Chany made a presentation to the parent body on planning to pay for college, followed by Q&A.

**8. Adjournment**

Following Mr. Chany's presentation, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made. The motion was seconded, voted upon and the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Michele Herman for Alta Indelman, Recording Secretary*