

Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the Meeting of September 27, 2016

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order by Co-Presidents Heather Higgins and David Venderbush at 7:08 pm on Tuesday, September 27, 2016.

Welcome

Heather and David briefly discussed the role of the Parents Association, and provided a contact email address of CoPresidents@stuy-pa.org.

Minutes

- Without objection, the Minutes of the May 24, 2016 PA General Meeting were approved.

Elections

- Heather Higgins briefly discussed the upcoming Fall Elections for the PA and the School Leadership Team (SLT)
- Detailed information concerning the process can be found on the PA website, stuy-pa.org/welcome.
- The deadline to submit nominations is Tuesday, October 18, and the elections will take place at the next PA General Meeting on October 25.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Iris Lam gave a brief financial report. Approximately \$15,848 was raised during July & August, which, as non-school months, are typically quiet months. Expenses were minimal.
- Copies of the financial report were made available to parents prior to the start of the meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Parent volunteers are needed for the upcoming 8th Grade Open House dates (October 5th and 6th) and for the Faculty Reception on October 27th.
- If interested, please send an email to Volunteers@stuy-pa.org.

Introduction to new Parent Coordinator: Dina Ingram

- Ms. Ingram made some brief remarks about her role and provided prior to the meeting a handout with her contact information (email, phone #s, etc.)
- She can be reached by email at Parent.Coordinator@stuy.edu and can be found in Room 273C.
- Parents should make sure to sign up for Parent Updates at: <http://stuy.enschool.org> and click on "parents" and then "join email list".

Remarks by Interim Acting Principal: Eric Contreras

- Acting Interim Principal Eric Contreras introduced himself and made some extensive remarks. A key component of his message was that he viewed himself as a "Steward of the Seat" and was responsible for maintaining the elements of what makes Stuyvesant HS unique, to tweak and augment what is working, and to change what does not work.
- Mr. Contreras touched on various priorities, including Instructional, Guidance, Programs, and Operations.

- Other items mentioned included the appointment of Lynn Chen as Parent Liaison Volunteer, the Phone App Information System headed by AP Mr. Moran, and Harvey Blumm's Internship Newsletter.

Remarks by AP Casey Pedrick

- Ms. Pedrick is the AP for Guidance.
- She provided an overview of Stuyvesant's Guidance Department, including guidance counselors, college office, social worker, SPARK and other resources.
- Some upcoming events were also mentioned, which were also listed on the Agenda for the meeting that was provided to meeting attendees.
- One item of note was the upcoming PSAT test for 10th and 11th graders taking place on October 19th.

Q&A

- The final part of the meeting was reserved for parent Q&A.
- Topics addressed included parent ability to contact teachers, and the time allotted for parent outreach on Thursdays; the evaluation of the pros and cons, and possible options, for parent online access for grades, and the availability to students of a "writing center" in the library, where students can get feedback on their writing assignments.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

Note: The PA Website can be found at Stuy-PA.org