

Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the Meeting of November 15, 2016

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order at 7:06 pm on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

Welcome

Co-President David Venderbush welcomed all attending parents to the General Meeting.

Minutes

- Without objection, the Minutes of the October 25, 2016 PA General Meeting were approved.

Remarks by Interim Acting Principal Contreras

- Interim Acting Principal Eric Contreras discussed several items:
 - a) Code retrofits of the school escalators were underway, and should take approximately one month to complete.
 - b) The Stuy computer programming team placed 2nd nationally in a competition at UPenn.
 - c) Stuy had 4 students in [Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology](#) that were semi-finalists and 1 finalist. The only NYC specialized school to have a finalist.
 - d) Mr. Contreras announced 2 new Stuy clubs: The Stuy Hacks club, and Girls Who Code.
 - e) Mr. Contreras noted a new printing station near the 2nd floor entrance as an additional amenity available to students. Hours are 7:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Parent Coordinator Dina Ingram

- Noted recent issues with the parent email list. If any parent or guardian has fallen off the list, please sign up again at stuy.edu.
- Report cards / grades should be available on December 9. Parents can log onto Eschool Data to view grades.
- Any issues with either of the above, please contact Dina directly.
- Class of 2017 Graduation will take place on June 27, 2017 at Carnegie Hall at 1 pm.

Financial Report

- Treasurer Iris Lam gave a brief financial report. Approximately \$86,990 was raised during October. Expenses were 58,120, with net proceeds totaling \$28,870.
- Copies of the financial report were made available to parents prior to the start of the meeting.

SLT Report

- Senior Parent SLT rep Julie Brown gave a brief report on the recent SLT meeting.
- She noted that the SLT had 5 primary goals for this school year.
- 1 of those goals that was new is a freshman seminar designed to help students socially and academically.
- This program will have 4 sessions, and will commence in February 2017.
- Julie also provided some information concerning ID NYC and the potential benefits that some students could obtain by signing up, primarily in the form of student discounts. Julie also noted that Stuyvesant is a registration site.

Spring Feast

- Andrew Cribb confirmed that Spring Feast will once again be held at the Jing Fong restaurant in Chinatown on March 31, 2017.
- Additional information is available on the PA website.
- Parents that may be interested in volunteering for various PA events such as Spring Feast should send an email to Volunteers@stuy-pa.org.

Approval of Committee Chairs

- A handout was provided detailing the various PA committees and chairs, which was approved by the parents present without objection.

Approval of Funding Requests

- Beth Bacon reviewed the process involved in recommending the approval of various funding requests for PA support of clubs, publications, sports teams, equipment and programs that the school cannot afford due to limited state funding.
- A schedule detailing the Appropriation Committee recommendations was distributed.
- Without objection, the recommended appropriations were approved.

Academic Programming Presentation

Internship Coordinator Harvey Blumm introduced this special segment of the meeting, which was focused on Academic Programming. Recently, all students received information about how to register on-line for next semester's classes. This evening's presentation to parents was designed to provide a better understanding of the process and of class availability and requirements.

- **James Johnson, AP Math and Computer Science**, spoke about the courses available in his departments. [Here is a list of the Math and Computer Science courses along with details of requirements needed for each class.](#)
- **Jennifer Suri, AP Social Studies and Human Geography**, also spoke about the various courses available in her department. [Here is a list of Social Studies courses and the class requirements.](#)
- **Elizabeth Fong, AP Biology and Earth Science**, spoke about the courses available in her department. [Here is a list of Biology and Earth Sciences courses and the class requirements.](#)
- There was also ample time for Q&A with each of the presenting AP's.

Upcoming Meeting

- The next General Meeting of the Parents Association will take place on December 13 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

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