

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of December 13, 2016**

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2016.

**Welcome**

All attending parents were welcomed to the General Meeting.

**Minutes**

- Without objection, the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 PA General Meeting were approved.

**Remarks by Interim Acting Principal Contreras**

- Mr. Contreras discussed a recent off-site incident in which a Stuy student was attacked. This incident occurred at a pre-arranged meeting at an off campus site that had been agreed to by the Stuy student for the reason of buying or selling merchandise. It appears that this was an isolated incident. Fortunately, the student's injuries were not severe..
- Parents are encouraged to inform their students about this type of incident to raise awareness of safety issues. Students should avoid setting up meetings with strangers via social media internet sites. For any advice or suggestions, parents should feel free to email or call Mr. Contreras or Dina Ingram, the Parent Coordinator.
- Mr. Contreras also spoke about Stuy hosting the Research Poster Board night with past Intel winners and current Regeneron applicants presenting their research. The research also helped the semi-finalists or finalists with their college admissions.
- The event increased the number of Stuy students who wish to do research. Stuyvesant students that are interested should reach out to Mr. Econome, who is both a biology teacher and the Research Coordinator.
- Another event called "Stuy Hacks" also took place which increases interest in Computer Science. Mr Contreras noted that he would like to encourage clubs that focus on engineering - building, coding, making - and that he hopes to work with Girls Who Code in future to possibly have them do an event at the school.
- Mr. Contreras also noted the success of the school's Robotics program/team.
- Finally, Mr. Contreras encouraged parents to attend Friday's Winter Concert. It is a wonderful event that the students have worked hard to put on.

**Parent Coordinator Dina Ingram**

- Dina's newsletter will be sent out on Friday. If parents are not getting it, please go to the Stuy.edu website to sign up There was a recent issue where some email addresses were accidentally dropped off.
- Students need to be on their email list and checking their own email – they should also already get their Naviance access set up so please remind them.
- There is a Food Drive ongoing until Dec 20 -benefits Habitat for Humanity. All are encouraged to participate..
- On Dec 17<sup>th</sup>, Stuy will host the largest Speech and Debate Event of the year – S& D director Julia Sheinman can be reached at: [stuy4n6@gmail.com](mailto:stuy4n6@gmail.com) for parent volunteers. She also needs breakfast food donations which will be served to all the teams and judges. Please contact Ms. Sheinman to participate and donate.
- Kaplan SAT prep course here at Stuy and Stuy students will get a discount - Information will

be in Dina's newsletter and an email went out from Mr. Makris. The Stuy location SAT classes are offered to Juniors.

- Please note the QZ10 form due first week of January - for students who need 10th period blocked due to participation on sports teams.

### **Financial Report**

- Treasurer Iris Lam gave a brief financial report.
- 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 December 13 SLT meeting
- She discussed efforts to bring current technology into the Drafting Class requirement and noted that a fundraising effort will be involved.
- Parents are welcome to attend and observe SLT meetings.

### **Spring Feast**

- Andrew Cribb provided an update on Spring Feast which will once again be held at the Jing Fong restaurant in Chinatown on March 31, 2017.
- Goal is 1,000 attendees. In addition to parents, students are welcome to attend.
- There are various ways to purchase tickets. See E-News and/or the PA website.
- 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](mailto:Volunteers@stuy-pa.org).

### **Scholarships**

PA Co-President Heather Higgins: presented slides regarding New Visions for public school scholarship opportunities. The slides shown tonight will be made available through E-News at a later date.

### **Guest Speaker**

Jonathan Haidt, NYU Stern Business School social psychologist spoke on topic of Political Correctness in Universities.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

- The next General Meeting of the Parents Association will take place on January 24, 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

**Special thanks to Sylvia Ramos** for attending the meeting and taking copious notes.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

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Note: The PA Website can be found at [www.Stuy-PA.org/welcome](http://www.Stuy-PA.org/welcome)