

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
Minutes of the Meeting of February 15, 2017**

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 by PA Co-President David Venderbush.

Welcome

All attending parents were welcomed to the General Meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the January 24, 2017 PA General Meeting were approved without objection.

Remarks by Interim Acting Principal Contreras

- Stuyvesant purchased Jupiter Grades, a system some schools use for keeping parents informed about student grades. By contract, teachers cannot be mandated to use it.
- 800+ students participated in the Math AMC exam.
- The recent Freshman Parents Meeting was a success.
- A Sophomore Parents Meeting will be held in March in the 5th floor cafeteria.
- A Wellness workshop for parents will be held on March 7th with a focus on how to improve students Eating, Sleeping and Exercise habits.
- The annual SING! production will take place on March 1, 3 and 4th. Ticket information will be released soon.
- A Kaplan SAT Prep course will be held at Stuyvesant if there is sufficient enrollment.
- AIS and ARISTA tutoring is available to students (for school classes).
- SPARK Black History Month event took place in the cafeteria.
- Various other events and sports teams success were noted by the Principal, including language events, and the table tennis and swim teams competing for city championships.

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.

Spring Appropriations Cycle

- The Appropriations Committee has received requests for funding totaling approximately \$200,000. Not all requests can be met.
- Please donate to the Parents Association. Increased participation directly impacts the number of requests by clubs, teams and other projects that can be approved.

Spring Feast

- Andrew Cribb provided an update on Spring Feast which will take place at the Jing Fong restaurant in Chinatown on March 31, 2017.
- 544 tickets sold to date. Goal is 1,000 attendees. In addition to parents, students are welcome to attend. The swim team purchased 6 tables.
- 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.

Nominating Committee for PA Elections

- Nominating Committee for May elections being formed.
- U to five (5) volunteers are needed who are not Executive Board members.
- Please contact Nominations@stuy-pa.org if interested in being on this committee.

Featured Speaker: Jed Applerouth of Applerouth Tutoring.

- Testing expert Jed Applerouth clarified the details about the SAT Subject Tests, in terms of when to take them, how many to take, and what college admissions officers are looking for. He discussed how they connect to the SAT, ACT, and AP tests, and how to help your child make a testing plan and timeline that work.
- The presentation was accompanied by a detailed slide presentation, which can be viewed and downloaded here: <http://stuy-pa.org/welcome/images/2016-2017/applerouth-Stuy-2017.pdf>
- Most colleges do not consider these Subject Tests, however, many of the Top Colleges do.
- About 40 colleges require these tests, and 60 consider them.
- How to choose which tests to take:
 - It is a course the student does well in;
 - The teacher recommends it;
 - It is required by a college the student intends to apply to
- Various test prep options and resources were also discussed.

Upcoming Meetings / Other

- The next General Meeting of the Parents Association will take place on March 28 at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be available starting at 6:30 pm.
- The Faculty Reception will take place on March 23rd, prior to the Parent Teacher conferences. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Sindi Kaplan to volunteer or ask questions.
- Please refer to the Agenda for tonight's meeting which details various other upcoming events in February and March.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

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

