

Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the Meeting of May 23, 2017

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order at approximately 7:09 pm on Tuesday May 23, 2017 by PA Co-President Heather Higgins.

Welcome

All attending parents were welcomed to the General Meeting.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 25, 2017 PA General Meeting were approved without objection.

Principal Contreras remarks

- Principal Contreras is proud of the work & accomplishments of this past year.
- It was a successful year for Stuyvesant students, and the principal thanked students, parents and staff for their support.

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.

PA Budget for 2017/2018 school year

- A brief discussion took place regarding the proposed PA budget.
- The budget was approved by a vote of the parents present.

PA and SLT Elections

- Candidates for EB and SLT positions were given the opportunity to make brief remarks regarding their qualifications.
- A number of positions were contested by multiple candidates.
- Voting took place by paper secret ballots by the parents present.
- The PA Nominating Committee will tally the results after the meeting and announce the results in the coming days.

PA By-Laws

- A brief discussion took place regarding the By-Laws and proposed changes thereto.
- The proposed changes were approved by the members present.

Guest Speaker: Michael Turner, NYS Higher Education Corp.

- Mr. Turner to speak about the recently announced Excelsior Scholarship, and paying for college.
- Web site: HESC.NY.GOV

- Sources of scholarships and loan funding:
 - Federal
 - State
 - Colleges

- Corporations, others. to parents prior to the start of the meeting.
- Excelsior Scholarship details:
 - Full Tuition “for eligible students”
 - Up to \$5,500, minus other scholarships or tuition credits
 - Does not include Room & Board, Fees, Books
 - 2019/2020 AGI Income Test: \$125,000 and below
 - No Asset Test – only Adjusted Gross Income
- NYS Merit Scholarship
 - \$500 / year award
 - 3.3 GPA
 - Apply in May of Senior Year.
- NYS STEM Incentives:
 - For Stuy student, be in top 10% of Senior Class (and confirmed by the school)
 - Attend SUNY or CUNY in STEM program
 - NYS will pay Tuition for all 4 years
 - There is a Live/Work in NY requirement after graduation.
 - Apply October of Senior Year @ HESC.NY.GOV
 - At the conclusion of the business of the meeting, a screening of TESTED was held, along with Q&A with two current Stuyvesant students who were featured in the movie.
- NYS has other special programs as well (see website).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:47 pm, followed by the presentation of the Guest Speaker and related Q&A.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER & SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER !

Respectfully Submitted by
Ross Weiner, Recording Secretary

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

STUYVESANT PARENTS ASSOCIATION – ELECTION RESULTS

The Election Results from the May 23rd Meeting of the Parents Association are as follows:

CO-PRESIDENTS:	Heather Higgins & Belinda Leung
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:	Ross Weiner
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	Suzanne Cruse
RECORDING SECRETARY:	Susan Fennessey
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	Andrew Cribb
TREASURER:	Iris Lam
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	Sandy Chu
SOPHOMORE SLT REP:	Michael Green & Vincent Xiao Barry Robertson (Alternate)
JUNIOR SLT REP:	David Abramowitz & Yonghong Xiao Lanlan Zhang (Alternate)
SENIOR SLT REP:	Miranda Chan Sylvia Ramos (Alternate)