

Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
Minutes of the Meeting of 10/27/15

The meeting of the Stuyvesant PA General Membership was called to order by Co-Presidents David Venderbush and Lynn Chen at 7:12 pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2015.

Opening Remarks

- The Co-Presidents welcomed the membership and gave an overview of the Agenda for the meeting.

Minutes

- Without objection, the Minutes of the 9/16/2015 were approved.

Financial Report

- Annual Appeal letter was sent out a couple of weeks ago.
- Balance sheet reflects that some bigger payments have yet to go out and appropriations have not yet been made.
- Membership will be asked to vote on appropriations at the next general PA meeting.

SLT Report

- Wai Wah Chin, Senior class representative to the SLT, reported on the latest SLT meeting at which Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) goals and bylaw revisions were raised as current focus.

Spring Feast

- David announced that the date of the Spring Feast has been changed to April 8, 2016, due to the unavailability of the venue on April 1.

Elections

- David thanked Amanda Moretti and other members of the Elections Committee for their work leading to tonight's election.
- Amanda opened elections; she clarified that each parent/guardian of a student is eligible to vote (i.e., voting is not limited to only one adult per student household); and she announced that of the six elections being held this evening, four are uncontested.
- Individuals standing for uncontested seats were asked to stand for a voice vote. By acclamation, all individuals standing for uncontested seats were elected, as follows:
 - Sophomore Parent-at-Large (3 seats): Miranda Chen, Suzanne Cruse, Joy DeVries Heinz
 - Junior Parent-a-Large (1 seat): Yvonne Conybeare
 - Senior Parent-at-Large (1 seat): Ling Anderson
 - Junior SLT Representative: John Wehba
- Individuals standing for the two contested elections, Freshman Parent-at-Large (five seats) and Freshman SLT Representative (one seat plus alternate) were invited to the stage to give brief statements.
- The membership was asked to fill out ballots to vote for contested seats and to deposit them at any time during the Meeting or prior to leaving in the ballot box at the rear of the auditorium.

Special Presentation-- Principal Zhang and Assistant Principal, Social Studies, Jennifer Suri on Programming

- Principal Zhang and AP Suri gave a presentation explaining how students select and are programmed for courses throughout their four years at Stuyvesant, commencing with an overview of New York State graduation mandates and additional Stuyvesant diploma requirements.
- The PowerPoint/slideshow used for this presentation will be made available to the PA for parents.
- Highlights include: Beginning with the class of 2017, every student will be required to take at least one AP exam.
- Principal Zhang and AP Suri answered questions from the membership.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by
Patricia Ceruzzi, Recording Secretary