

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
General Meeting
October 17, 2017**

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:21 pm.

Welcome

Heather Higgins welcomed attendees and made opening remarks. She introduced the election process and Ross Weiner, who she advised would be running the election process in place of Suzanne Cruse, Second Vice President, who was not available to attend the meeting.

October Elections

Mr. Ross introduced the election process and invited the contested candidates to introduce themselves. The candidates who were running for contested positions each gave speeches to introduce themselves. On motion duly made and carried, the members approved the appointment of the uncontested candidates.

Approval of Minutes

On motion duly made and carried, the minutes from the September 2017 meeting were approved.

Financial Report

Treasurer Iris Lam gave the financial report. Ms. Higgins explained the importance of the reserve maintained by the PA.

Fundraising

Krista Annenberg provided an update on fundraising, noted the mailings to home and the importance of parent contributions.

SLT Report

Michael Green gave a report on today's SLT meeting. He explained the composition of the SLT and issues tabled by the SLT. He reported that today's topics included dress code, cell phone policy and availability of electives.

Housekeeping

Designated Gift Policy

Ms. Higgins described the proposed designated gift policy and the purpose of the policy to attract gifts. She responded to inquiries. On motion duly made and carried, the membership voted to adopt the proposed policy as outlined in a handout at the meeting. Ms. Higgins further explained that the policy could be revisited if it is found that it does not serve the intended process.

Website

Margot Weiss introduced the proposed updated PA website.

PA Volunteers

Faculty reception: Sindi Kaplan gave an update on the faculty reception and solicited volunteers and baked goods for the event.

- Ms. Higgins announced that voting for fall elections was closing.-

Phonathon. Ms. Higgins described the Phonathon on behalf of Debbie Croland and solicited volunteers.

Spring Feast. Ms. Higgins introduced Spring Feast. Susan Fennessey announced that Spring Feast would be held on April 20 and solicited volunteers and asked parents to begin thinking about donations.

Upcoming Events

Richard Bernstein, programming committee chair, gave an update on upcoming meeting programs. He introduced Jonathan Shapiro of New York Writing for the meeting's scheduled program.

Featured Speaker: Jonathan Shapiro

Mr. Shapiro presented on college essay writing and provided written materials.

Election Results

Belinda Leung introduced Mr. Ross, who announced the results of the evening's election. The winning candidates are:

Freshman Parent SLT Rep:
Nancy Ho
Isabella Goldmints (alternate)

Freshman Parent Members-at-Large:
Judy Cao
John Keller
Theresa Kwok
Sanjeetha Seshadri
Gary Sokolow

Sophomore Parent Members-at-Large:
John Lo
Krista Annenberg

Junior Parent Member-at-Large
June Xu

Senior Parent Member-at-Large
Alex Shafran

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:53 pm.

Submitted by Susan Fennessey, Recording Secretary