

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association  
General Meeting  
September 26, 2017**

**Minutes**

The meeting began at 7:04 pm.

**Welcome**

Belinda Leung and Ross Weiner welcomed attendees and made opening remarks.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**October Elections**

Mr. Ross stood in for Second Vice President Suzanne Cruse, who was unable to attend the General Meeting. Mr. Ross explained that elections would be held on October 17, that nominations are now open and he announced the open positions. He explained the nomination and election process, and announced that the deadline to submit nominations was October 10.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Iris Lam gave the financial report. She reminded parents of the process for matching contributions and Amazon smile donations.

**SLT Report**

Ms. Leung gave a report on the first SLT meeting, including chair appointments.

**Housekeeping**

Ms. Leung gave an update on PA Handbooks for sale. She proposed committee chairs, who were approved on motion duly made and carried.

**PA Volunteers**

Sindi Kaplan gave update on faculty reception and school open house events and solicited volunteers and a third co-chair.

**Upcoming Events**

Richard Bernstein, programming committee chair, gave an update on planned meeting programs. He announced that there are a few open dates in the spring and solicited ideas for programming. He introduced Eric Contreras for the meeting's scheduled program.

**Featured Speaker: Principal Eric Contreras**

Mr. Contreras welcomed parents and provided various updates and "items to celebrate" to parents:

- School surveys results improved in every category
- ACT scores increased in every category
- Student perception surveys
- Niche 2018 Best School in NYC for second year
- NHY Post #1 High School in NYC
- Genes in Space Winner for second year
- Siemens and Regeneron Winners
- Toshiba Exploravision Regional Prize

- Doubled enrollment in research classes
- Many other achievements

Mr. Contreras advised that he holds four Breakfasts with the Principal per year and advised that he is readily available to communicate with parents. He talked about last year's initiatives:

- Engineering program development, including named innovation lab
- Research program expansion
- Freshman seminars
- Family engagement events increase
- Development of new teacher support program
- Expansion of mentorship program with Alumni Association
- Development of industry specific events with alumni
- Expansion of world language program to support culture
- Instructional foci introduction
- AP instructional meetings implementation
- International collaborations expansion

He described current initiatives and areas of focus, including the school's professional learning strands, teachers planning together, connecting with outside expertise, expanding robotics and giving back. He finished with sharing some of his personal beliefs regarding education.

Finally, Mr. Contreras introduced his cabinet. He announced that Lynn Chen has been appointed as Community Resource Advisor. Each of the assistant principals addressed parents briefly regarding their respective departments.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Susan Fennessey, Recording Secretary