

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
General Meeting
November 28, 2017**

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:06 pm.

Welcome

Belinda Leung called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

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

December 19 Election

Ms. Leung announced that there will be an election for the vacant Sophomore Parent Member-at-Large position. Suzanne Cruse, Second VP, explained the process, including the deadline for nominations and the election date.

Financial Report

Treasurer Iris Lam gave the financial report. She reminded attendees to take advantage of matching funds by their employers. She explained the special expenditure approved last year for 3D printers and other equipment for which we are completing payments this year.

Principal's Report

Principal Eric Contreras announced results for national Merit Scholarships finalists: Stuyvesant is top in the country with 165 finalists, far in excess of the other two top NYC high schools. He reported that the Innovation Lab will be opening in the Spring and announced new classes that will be offered and potential new classes to be created. He explained that the school is modernizing the tech classes that are required for students to graduate, and that the new Writing Center is now open and comfortably furnished. He described the American Mathematics Competition exam and requested permission for a shortened school day on February 7, 2018 to administer the exam. He explained that the school day would be from 8:00 to 12:00 and the exam would be administered in the afternoon. He invited and responded to inquiries. Principal Contreras requested a vote to approve the shortened day. On motion duly made and carried, the membership voted to approve the shortened day.

Committee Chairs

Ms. Leung announced the proposed additional committee co-chairs as noted in the agenda. On motion duly made and carried, the membership voted to approve the co-chair appointments.

Fundraising

Ms. Leung announced fundraising initiatives. Krista Annenberg provided an update on the annual appeal and the new Amazon link on the PA website.

Appropriations

Ms. Annenberg announced appropriations proposals, including requests received, the decision-making process, and committee recommendation. She advised that the budget was \$98,000 and that the committee had asked the Executive Board for an increase in the budget amount and agreement to use a portion of the spring appropriation budgets for the fall appropriations. Ms. Annenberg responded to questions and discussion followed. On motion duly made and carried, the membership voted to approve the recommended appropriations.

Ms. Annenberg explained the recommended change to the appropriations process and schedule in order to ensure that fall and spring appropriations are made at the beginning of the sessions, including the third appropriations process this year to adjust the schedule.

Phonathon

Judeth Dickson explained the phonathon and requested approximately 25 volunteers for the December 4 and 5 event.

Spring Feast

Susan Fennessey explained the need for donations and volunteers for Spring Feast.

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 explained that there was a detailed discussion regarding the process of assignment of electives and described other issues tabled, including homework policy enforcement, printing availability and limitations, Kids to College, and consistency of teaching.

Old Business and New Business

Ms. Leung invited old business and new business. None was raised.

Upcoming Events

Richard Bernstein, programming committee chair, gave an update on upcoming meeting programs. He introduced the speakers from Smart Alec for the meeting's scheduled program.

Featured Speaker: Smart Alec

Speakers from Smart Alec presented on SAT and ACT preparation, including timeline for each year of high school.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Susan Fennessey, Recording Secretary