

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association**  
**General Meeting**  
**January 23, 2018**

**Minutes**

The meeting began at 7:07 pm.

**Welcome**

Heather Higgins called the meeting to order and welcomed parents. She noted the level of attendance and participation of Stuyvesant parents.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion duly made and carried, the minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved.

**Principal's Report**

Principal Eric Contreras commented on final exams and Regents week and responded to questions regarding exam timing and format. He explained the school's program changes process. He updated parents on the C-30 process for hiring an assistant principal and the timing of the current process. He announced two electives being developed for next year: a high-end artificial intelligence computer science elective and a quantum physics course, which has been requested by students and is being funded from discretionary PA funds. He noted that PA financial support allows the school the ability and flexibility to say "yes" to these and everyday small and large requests from students, faculty and staff, to and that it benefits the school as a whole.

**Parent Coordinator Update**

Dina Ingram congratulated a parent running the NY City Marathon. She noted that students are asked to add parents to Naviance but that she is available to add family connection accounts at tonight's meeting. She announced upcoming events, including the Research Night on February 2 and the Breakfast with the Principal on February 8.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Iris Lam gave the financial report. She detailed revenues for December and expenditures.

**Approval of Committee Co-Chair**

Ms. Higgins explained need for new co-chair for Health & Safety because of Cherin Perelman's duties with Spring Feast. On motion duly made and carried, appointment of Judeth Dickson as co-chair of the Health & Safety Committee was approved.

**Appropriations**

Ms. Higgins introduced the appropriations approval request and explained the process and timing changes for this year. The appropriations co-chairs, Krista Annenberg, Geraldine Amera and James Higgins introduced and summarized the appropriations recommendations as detailed in a list distributed at the meeting. Ms. Annenberg noted 40 requests and recommended approval of 32 of them. She detailed some of the recommended appropriations. Mr. Higgins commented on the process and changed timing that was adopted, including the timing and need mismatch with the former process. On motion duly made and carried, the committee's appropriations recommendations as attached to these minutes were adopted.

**Fundraising**

Krista Annenberg provided an update on the annual appeal and asked parents to donate generously. She explained why the funds are important and how they are used. She reminded parents to use their companies' matching funds and the Amazon shopping link.

**Spring Feast**

Susan Fennessey reported on the status of Spring Feast and encouraged parents to buy tickets and to volunteer and solicit donations. Ms. Higgins provided additional information regarding the event and explained who attends and how much fun the event is for all.

**Upcoming Events**

Richard Bernstein, programming committee chair, noted upcoming meeting presentations, including the English department assistant principal at February's meeting to talk about English paper grading. He introduced Harvey Blumm for the meeting's scheduled program.

**Featured Speaker: Harvey Blumm**

Harvey Blumm gave a presentation regarding student opportunities and internships.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Susan Fennessey, Recording Secretary