

**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
General Meeting
March 20, 2018**

Minutes

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

Welcome

Heather Higgins called the meeting to order and welcomed attending parents.

Approval of Minutes

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

Principal's Report

Principal Contreras reminded parents that school would be closed for a snow day on March 21, the day after the meeting, due to a late nor'easter storm.

Principal Contreras reported that the Sing! 2018 performances on March 7, 9, and 10 had been well produced and that the costumes were great. He also said that new rules for the performances had been put in place to safeguard students from accident in future years, after this year's prop collapse in the final scene on March 7 which resulted in injury to some members of the Soph-Frosh cast.

Mr. Contreras also said that a state governor had come to speak to students at Stuyvesant as a result of an invitation. The principal said that he was open to such invitations for all political representatives.

He reported that the Speech and Debate teams that attended the Annual Harvard National Forensics 2018 invitational tournament had achieved great results and that some members were going on to the national competition.

The principal told parents that the Stuy Science Olympiad team had won first place in the NYC competition for the first time in 6 years and that Stuy students had taken 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the NYC History Day Competition 2018. He added that 68 students had qualified as a result of taking the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) exams to participate in the American Invitational Mathematics Examination (AIME).

Finally, Principal Contreras gave an update on the new Robotics Lab project and the fundraising related to it.

Parent Coordinator Report

Dina Ingram reminded attendees that March 23 is the last day that Parent Surveys can be returned to the DOE or completed online. She also reminded parents that the Open House scheduled for the snow day March 21 was rescheduled to Thursday March 22.

PA and SLT Elections Nomination Committee

Ross Weiner reported that nominations for PA and SLT elections would open at the April General Meeting and that the election would take place at the May General Meeting. Mr. Weiner asked for parents who were interested in volunteering with the Nominations Committee to stand forward or contact the PA via email. On motion duly made and carried, the following six members of the Nomination Committee were approved by the membership to serve for the May 2018 election: Heather Higgins, Suzanne Cruse, Iris Lam, Joy DeVries Heinze, Miranda Chan, and Amy Hong.

Treasurer's Report

Iris Lam, Treasurer, gave a financial report pursuant to the printed materials provided to the meeting attendees detailing income and expenses for February 2018, explaining that most of the income was from Spring Feast ticket sales.

Spirit Wear Team Report

Caron Shapiro showed parents new designs for the Spirit Wear line of merchandise and detailed prices.

SLT Report

Nancy Ho reported on the SLT's discussions about homework and testing policy and schedules.

Spring Feast

Heather Higgins reported that Spring Feast ticket sales were on schedule and that the Spring Feast Team needed donations for the various auctions related to the event. She asked for parents to help with this aspect of the event.

Featured Speaker: Dr. Marianne Chai

AP Guidance, Casey Pedrick introduced Dr. Marianne Chai, who spoke to parents about various aspects of stress in students at Stuyvesant, how to recognize the symptoms, and what to do about them.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.