



Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of January 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm.

Welcome:

Co-Presidents Susan Fennessey and Alex Shafran welcomed parents.

Principal update:

Principal Eric Contreras provided updates, including the following:

- Due to slight spike in crime prevalent this time of year, Mr. Contreras asked parents to communicate to their young adults not to expose their new phones and/or devices, to be cautious while on the streets.
- With anti-Semitic acts in the news, he noted that Stuyvesant has always taken a proactive approach to educate our students. Classes and programs have always existed and new ones offered to build cultural tolerance and resiliency.
- Infrastructure updates - upgrades are needed for:
 - theater lighting – \$700K cost (\$500K currently raised)
 - expansion of wifi capacity
 - the development of a Science Studio and Environmental Lab

Approvals:

Copies of the draft minutes from the December 2019 PA General Meeting were available at the meeting for review. On motion duly made and carried, the minutes were approved.

PA Announcements and additional approvals:

- Currently 25% of families have contributed to the Annual Appeal. Additional donations were encouraged.
- All appropriations were approved for Spring 2020, which was announced at December PA General Meeting.
- The proposal for Stuyvesant H.S. to fund of \$7.5K to \$8K for Pier 40 renovations of the sports field was described. Over 200 Stuyvesant students utilize the facilities. Following discussion and further explanation by Ms. Fennessey and Mr. Brian Moran, a motion was duly made, carried and approved to authorize the proposed PA funding.
- Following explanation by Ms. Fennessey, a motion was made, carried and approved to have two non-instructional days on March 4th and June 2nd of 2020 to accommodate SAT and LOTE testing, respectively.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Fennessey provided a financial report on behalf of Ms. Belinda Leung. Copies of the Treasurer's Report were provided at the meeting. As of end of December 2019, \$287K income and \$170K expenses were reported with a net income of \$117K.

Director of Family Engagement Report:

Ms. Dina Ingram announced the following:

- End of the Fall 2020 term is January 17th
- Students received notification in their homerooms about departmental finals
- Report cards will not be distributed until February 4th
- Finals commence the week of January 20th
 - There is a College Awareness Presentation (special program) being offered to sophomores the same week

Special Presentation:

Assistant Principals representing each Stuyvesant academic department provided a wealth of information on courses and offerings and curriculum in their respective departments and responded to members' questions.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned approximately 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Jimmy Hsu, Recording Secretary