



**Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association
Special Meeting of the Membership
June 29, 2020**

Minutes

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Introduction/Housekeeping

Co-President Susan Fennessey welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the Special Meeting.

Principal Update

Principal Eric Contreras mentioned the following:

- The challenges of the uncertain budget for 2020-2021.
- Mr. Contreras explained the process of allocations from the DOE.
- Typically, Spring is the time for school to purchase items from that budget for the fall but the school is not able to this year due to spending freeze. The school has asked whether the PA has the flexibility to support some of these platforms if the budget that comes out in the summer is not sufficient to get the tools for the teachers to use in the classrooms for the next academic year.

Administrative

1. Susan Fennessey reiterated that the school does not have access to funds over the summer. She shared the list of the items that the school is asking the PA to help fund. Among the items are paying for software licenses, library software, Naviance, Jupiter Ed., Illuminate Education, Skedula and PupilPath. Some of which are in the current budget.
2. The total amount of the Online Platforms 2020 is \$89,000. Nine of the items are already in the PA's proposed budget.
3. Susan mentioned that the school doesn't have the budget for next year yet, however, the school expects a budget cut of at least 3% and expects difficulty funding on several things.
4. Dr. Gary Haber provided further explanation.
5. Susan, Alex Shafran and the administrations explained the potential difficulties of consolidating some of the platforms like PupilPath and Jupiter Ed. to cut cost.
6. Alex explained that if the DOE will have the funds to cover the expenses, the PA prefers the DOE to funds some of the systems. However, if the budget cuts continue, the school given the urgency and the need for some of these systems for the next two months, school should have the ability to rely on the grants from the PA to cover the expenses.
7. Alex clarified that, given that the nature of the current level of fundraising and expenses, the PA can't simply add on that amount to the annual expenditure. So, the proposed expenditures will not be considered as recurring expenses.
8. Susan shared briefly the proposed budget that was approved at the June meeting that would have to be revised to include in the September 2020 budget. She explained that the allocated amount of \$10,000 expenses for Naviance and other school platforms, the amount will be increase to include the additional funds needed, the amount increase to about \$145,000 that will be funded from the reserve and mostly from what we raised from fundraising this year which is over our budget amount. The amount covers the post non-recurring expenses for next year that includes this IT platforms.
9. Susan announced that parents can vote through the Google form link provided through the Zoom or YouTube Livestream chats.

- 10.** A brief discussion took place during which Susan and Alex responded to parent questions.
- 11.** Susan noted that a quorum was present. On motion duly made and carried, the PA members voted to approve the proposed expenditures of up to \$88,877.00 as presented.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:57 p.m.

Submitted by Shirley Chin
