



Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of June 16, 2020

Please note that due to situation with the COVID-19 epidemic, this meeting was held live remotely via Zoom and streamed via YouTube where participants tuned in.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Welcome:

Co-President Susan Fennessey welcomed the parents.

Principal's Report:

Hope families are safe as well

- Summer Health – Support and generosity allowed Stuy transition to Summer Health will be eventually fully moved to 9th grade to discuss substance abuse and mental health. PA supporting a possibility of 6 sections this year. Appealed with DOE w/ Dr. Haber and Contreras hoping for DOE approval. Not taking up any funds.
- Next year – all possibilities being explored
 - We remain remote
 - Back to normal schedule
 - Blended Learning – a little bit of remote and going to school – 2 groupings of students coming each week – must be within CDC guidelines.
- 1590 – 1750 persons in the building at one time to accomplish social distancing.
- Thanked the Senior parents for their services

Director of Family Engagement – Dina Ingram

- 6/19 – Camp Stuy virtual meeting
- 6/23 – Virtual Camp Stuy
- 6/30 - Graduation
- Instructions on attendance
- Working on DOE calendar

Treasurer's Report:

Belinda Leung was not able to join the session. Report was shared online via Zoom. Through 5/31 revenue is \$496K. The PA has done well on annual appeal due to donations and matching gifts. Donations from Spring Feast was quite modest even though the event was not able to be held due to the COVID epidemic. Expense was slightly less than budgeted at \$344K, with net income of \$152K.

Minutes:

No approval of meeting minutes, can revisit the approvals when the meeting can be held on school premises.

Elections:

Ms. Fennessey explained that three of the current officers will be extended to October – Co-President (Alex Shafran), Treasurer (Belinda Leung) and Recording Secretary (Jimmy Hsu). Current expectation is that elections will be held on September 15th. Nomination submissions are being accepted if interested in running for office.

Approvals:

Budget: Ms. Fennessey explained that the Stuyvesant PA is able to conduct voting within DOE guidelines, therefore votes for approval of the proposed budget will be accepted until 8:30pm. Ms. Fennessey shared the proposed 2020-2021 PA budget and reviewed it in detail by sharing the proposed budget on the screen. She requested approvals and reminded the membership that only one vote is allowed per parent.

Expenditures:

- 1) Ms. Fennessey explained requests approval of up to \$47,200 in expenditures outside of approved 2019-2020 budget.
 - a. Summer health classes (\$22,200), which is expected to benefit more than 200 students (34 students

each for 6 sections)

b. \$5K to pay for MyHealth

c. Up to \$10,000 toward senior events and graduation banner.

Support for students and families up to the amount of \$10,000 from contributions received for that purpose. Ms. Fennessey explained voting for approvals through Google form provided through link in Zoom and YouTube chats. On motion duly made and approved, the membership voted to approve (1) the proposed 2020-2021 budget and (2) the proposed expenditures as presented during the meeting in the amount of up to \$47,200.

Alex thanked Susan personally for her contribution and continued to thank all senior parents and all PA parents for holding up the community.

Appropriations Committee – Alex – Submissions will be brought to the GM meeting to vote in September.

Fundraising – enthusiasm and generosity – exceeded the Stuy donation match. Going into year of challenges in budget so please consider to help. Reminder to use Amazon link in the website.

College Committee –

Very busy with work. Over 50 Stuy students signed up for mock interviews. The volunteers were thanked for their contributions. If your child is a junior please look for the link – organized a series of 3 college essay writing sessions – only for students.

Special Program Presentation: “Build Your Perfect College List”

Richard Bernstein opened up the introduction.

Frank Maradov – Epiphany Academy – College Admission Consultant and Advisor

Eli Epstein-Deutsch – Epiphany Academy

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01pm

Submitted by Jimmy Hsu, Recording Secretary