



Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association Minutes of the General Meeting of August 18, 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 Alex Shafran welcomed the parents and new Stuyvesant High School Principal Mr. Seung Yu.

Director of Family Engagement – Ms. Dina Ingram

- PA was informed to check their email for the Chancellor's update held last evening; will be posted on Stuy website
- Parent's Survey #3 – Results of the Stuy exception model
 - 941 parents & guardians participated in the survey, spread across all 4 grades
 - More reported in favor of fully remote, some felt to change their minds
 - Concerns on being face-to-face, and technical bandwidth
 - 73% planned to be remote learners, 21% blended, 6% needed more info; Afterwards, 79% did not change plans 7% said yes and 14% felt they did not have enough info to make a decision
 - Course choice availability was very important to the Stuy community
 - 84% - satisfaction rate on handling of Health and Safety concerns
 - 81% - Satisfaction on Instruction
 - Outstanding challenges:
 - 42% Health and Safety concerns in the building
 - 37% bandwidth and streaming needs testing and support from DOE
 - 37% lack of in person face-to-face instruction
 - 25% concerns about socialization
 - 15% emotional counseling
 - 13% reported no challenges to overall plan
 - Outstanding items:
 - Curriculum being covered in 50 minutes per day ample?
 - Students who chose blended were expecting an in-person experience
 - Improvements to the remote learning experience
 - What are the grading homework and instructional expectations of teachers and students?
 - Specificity of Stuy's PPE, ventilation and health and safety
 - Next steps are to stay tuned and for DOE and Stuy to provide info as soon as new information is available
 - Aug 27 – Chancellor's Return to School Student Info Session to be held
 - How do uprising Junior students get to know teachers well and get letters of recommendation? Looking forward to have be opportunities on cameras and will receive help on tips to get letters of recommendation. First several weeks are about relationship building says Principal Yu. There will be teacher-student check-ins.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Belinda Leung had shared the Treasurer's Report on screen. Through 6/30, Net income was reported at \$129k through 6/30. \$60k consisted of the Annual Appeal and Company Match.

PA Announcements

- Back in June preliminary budget was put together. Two months later, heading toward a very different school year. Need to review whether our budget focus is right. Budget will be presented in Sept 15 for final approval. However, several items are at critical point to be looked at much earlier to be prepared for the fall school opening.

A proposal of an additional expenditure of \$91.7K for Principal Discretionary Funding was presented at the meeting (includes Student Support Fund, to address Covid-19, professional development, special projects fund, 2020-2021 special discretionary fund, principal's discretionary fund).

Alex Shafran initiated a motion to approve to vote (via Google Form). Votes were cast, resulting in the approval of the funds to be utilized at the discretion of the Principal before September 15, in preparation for the fall school period.

- Rima Roy asked parents to participate and run for offices with the notice of elections. Encouraged parents of all grades to actively engage in the Office of the PA.
- Fundraising – Stuy Annual Appeal will be in August this year. Parents were asked to help donate. Another way to contribute is via Amazon where on the site is a link that can be clicked to bring in more funding.

Special Program Presentation: “Introduction to Principal Yu”

Principal Yu introduced himself and answered questions posed by the parents in attendance. Majority of the inquiries were geared towards the fall school opening, course and program availability, teaching methodology, health concerns, and counseling support in a hybrid/remote model.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:32pm

Submitted by Jimmy Hsu, Recording Secretary