
January 23, 2019, @ 6:00 pm | Meeting called to order by Lissa Wolfe

Special welcome to Hispanic parents, with translators, with Homemade Empanadas by Raquel Morales and Aqua de Jamaica by Nan Richardson

In Attendance

Board Members: Nan Richardson Co-President; Lissa Wolfe, Co-President; Theresa Jordan, Vice-President; Georgia Stefanidis, Co-Fundraising Chairperson; Susan Tobias, Aquaculture Parent; Bill Seery, Marine Biology Parent; Penelope Clarke-May, Marine Biology Parent; Schanequa Knight, Senior Parent; Emma Acker, Freshman Parent; Ellen Dobbryn-Blackmore, Marine Policy Parent; Lisa Edstrom, MST Parent

Absent Board Members: Michele Lardou, Co-Treasurer; Kelly Vilar, Aquaculture Parent; Raquel Morales, MST Parent;; Nancy Usiatynski, Ocean Engineering Parent; Marjike Briggs, Professional Diving Parent; Liana Huth, Professional Diving Parent; Sabita Arjune, Vessel Operations; Sunita Woodcheke, Vessel Operations; Kathleen Daniel, Freshman Parent; Pam Bailey, Senior Parent; Marge Richards, Recording Secretary, Susan Bailey, Ocean Engineering

Harbor Leadership: Dr. Jeff Chetirko, Principal; Aneal Helms, Assistant Principal

Absent Harbor Leadership Ronni Ettinger, Parent Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

Approval of amended November and December minutes, which will now be posted to the website. Susan Tobias moved to approve; Theresa Jordan seconded.

Guest Speakers

Jessica Cuevas, college counselor, discussed commonly asked questions about college. Questions included: How many colleges should you apply to? most apply to 8 to 12.

How early to start? Start now. Jessica will send out the college board timeline.

Do you have a school profile? Yes. It's a two-page profile on our school sent out with each application.

How do you find out about colleges? Students use Naviance, a web tool for college prep, career exploration, and academic tracking. Students can set up an account using their student ID for the user name and date of birth as the password. Urban Assembly covers the costs of the account.

Do colleges know that students have IEPs when you apply? No.

Is the ACT better for IEPs than the SAT? Maybe. It's more straightforward, less tricky. She advises taking both and seeing which you like best.

Jessica to start one on one meetings with 11th graders. They can create college common apps this year and be ready to apply early senior year. There is an advantage to applying early. Application reviewers are fresh and scholarship money is available. Three ways to apply: regular decision, early action, and early decision. Early decision is binding.

Treasurer's Report

We have \$29,948.54 in Wells Fargo and \$5083.19 in Paypal for a total of \$30,031.73.

Expenses totaled \$12, 827.83, with \$10,000 of that being for the college trip.

Susan Tobias moved to approve; Bill Seery seconded. The report was approved.

Committee Reports

Fundraising: Sneaker drive—Georgia received 10 boxes of sneakers so far from a parent who works for Fila with more to come. We've had a good turnout at the BMB and at the school. Kids need to mark their names on the shoes so they get credit for their donations. We receive a dollar per pair of shoes for donation and ten cents per destroyed, recyclable shoe. Deadline February 8th. Teachers also interested in donating.

Summer Solstice Celebration Saturday, June 22 partnering with RIDE—Susan Tobias reported on the ride carnival the zip line next to the school is donating 300 tickets to us for a barbecue, music, games, & rides.

Oyster Classic—February 1 registration for friends and family \$25/person. Will start putting together a list for committees. Nan will work be the water girl; she needs a sophomore or freshman parent to assist. Teresa Jordan will call the Kind bar people again for donations. June 9 is the date of the race.

Spring Tide—Brendan Malone's band Casa Mantequilla will be playing. Last year, the spring tide event was on the Frying Pan. This year, it will be held on the pier for prime views of the sunset. The date will be Wednesday, May 1. Spring Tide tickets will be \$30 versus \$150 for BOP. We hope the waterfront community and boathouse people will come, too. The executive board is to each bring three things to donate to Spring Tide auction, but donations are open to all. Please contact Nan and Lissa with anything you can donate. All price points are needed. Physical items can be donated right away. Nan will send out a donation form for people to use.

Communication—The team is trying to figure out social media options and consolidate messaging. We want to speak with the same voice as the administration.

Alumni—Franklin Okumu gathering bios of graduates. A local photographer is donating photos and writing bios. We need an acceptable release to get the bios published. Hoping to have at least one bio/ CTE. No official selection process; send suggestions for people to feature. Emma, Jeremy, and Ian are also on the committee.

Sustainability—School foods said no to reusable plates. Kathy Condit wants to meet with us about it. Nate Dudley, former principal, confirmed the plates were used under his tenure. Jeff suggests rolling out class by class starting with freshmen.

SEC— still working on the space for the temporary pool. A parent asked if anyone requested a meeting with Governors Island trust. PEP meetings are coming up. Nan will send info. We need to attend and let the DOE know that we are in the same place we were last year. Nowhere, with no space, no gym, no pool.

PTA borough Meet and Greet—we had a good turnout at the first meeting on Staten Island. The Mayor's rep attended. We've been invited to Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams' office for the next meeting. We expect a strong turnout. Looking at first week of March for the meeting. Also looking at dates in Bronx and Queens

Community —Teresa announced that tee shirts came in. The price is \$20 each for both long and short sleeved. They are available at meetings or on the PTA website. We encourage everyone to wear their shirts when going to PEP meetings and the like. Umbrellas will be coming in March.

Marine Biology—Mauricio is trying to get money for a trip to the Island School in the Bahamas. The cost would be \$45K for 15 kids. We are thinking ahead to how we could help subsidize.

Aquaculture—also interested in a trip to the Island School and doing a blog and T shirts

Oceanic Engineering—putting together a logo for T-shirts

Marine Policy—designed logo for HOODIES. They're also set up a blog. Rob set extra credit assignments for content.

Freshman—bowling party for freshman students and parents will be held February 10 at Frames bowling (Ninth Avenue and 40th St.). \$25 tickets.

Seniors—Schanequa reported we've conformed that graduation will be held on the island! Ronni is confirming set up. Senior class parent email group has been started. Contact Schanequa to be added. Senior meeting will be held on February 7th to discuss what seniors want to get out of this year. We are encouraging them to fundraise to subsidize seniors who can't afford events.

Principal's Report

- ✚ Principal's report from Jeff—SAT and PSAT coming up on March 27. It's challenging because of all the accommodations, extra time and extra rooms needed. We need all the teachers we can to help with that. We used to send seniors on trips but it costs thousands to do so, instead suggest we hold a no instruction day for all but students taking the test. 91% of teachers agree.
- ✚ PTA unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Location: 81 New St. 5th-floor Cafeteria @ 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30pm as the permit was not given for the space so we had to leave-- and passed unanimously.