

# MINUTES

## New York Harbor School PTA Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, @ 6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Lissa Wolfe

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### In Attendance

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**Board Members:** Nan Richardson Co-President; Lissa Wolfe, Co-President; Theresa Jordan, Vice-President; Susan Tobias, Aquaculture; Bill Seery, Penelope Clarke-May, Marine Biology; Nancy Usiatynsk, Ocean Engineering; Susan Bailey, Ocean Engineering; Emma Acker, Freshman Parent; Schanequa Knight, Pam Bailey, Senior Parents

**Absent Board Members:** Michele Lardou, Treasurer; Marge Richards, Recording Secretary; Georgia Stefanidis, Co-Fundraising Chairperson; Nikita Huggins, Co-Fundraising Chair; Kelly Vilar, Aquaculture; Lisa Edstrom, MST; Marine Biology; Ellen Dobbryn-Blackmore, Marine Policy; Raquel Morales, MST; Liana Huth & Marjike Briggs, Professional Diving; Sunita Woodcheke & Sabita Arjune, Vessel Operations Kathleen Daniel, Freshman Parent;

**Harbor Leadership:** Dr. Jeff Chetirko, Principal; Ronni Ettinger, Parent Coordinator

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### Approval of Minutes

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The minutes were read from the January meeting. The date for the Spring Tide changed from May 6 to May 1 and the minutes were amended. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Minutes approved by a unanimous vote.

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### Treasurer's Report

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Lissa Wolfe and Barbara Behen set up our new Chase account. We have a \$31,197 balance in bank and PayPal as of 2/9/19. \$9,895.53 in AHOD donations to date. Lissa is also having a Facebook birthday fundraiser for AHOD; \$300 earned so far with the goal of \$1,000

Treasurer's report approved

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### Committee Reports

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SEC committee—Theresa Jordan explains we went to the PEP meeting and spoke. Chancellor Carranza was there and committed to come visit the school. Deputy Chancellor Karen Goldmark to set up the meeting. May. need people to go to the PEP meeting and remind the chancellor to come—get 20 parents and kids and Harbor School T-shirts.

Nan Richardson applying for capital funding to borough presidents. \$50,000 needed for electrical systems upgrade for the MAST center. Plan to ask for \$10K per borough president. Roof top is also leaking. Jim Malone working with us to get approved contractor to fix.

Sustainability committee—Nan Richardson says Jeff doesn't want us to do vending machines in case future PTAs don't keep them up. We can get three water bottle fountains for \$15,000, then we can get rid of the plastic water bottle vending machine. School foods pushing back on plates. They say they will take too much handling to deal with. Nancy Usiatynski offers to help.

Alumni committee—Ian McGrath and Franklin Okumu are reaching out to CTE directors for alumni lists.

Freshmen committee—Emma Acker reports Bowling event was held Saturday at Frames bowling. 26 people came from all five boroughs. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed meeting students & parents.

Spring Tide—Lissa reports All parents encouraged to come. Ticket prices are \$30 per person, two for \$50, three or more \$20 each. No parent will be turned away if that's still too much. Location is Pier 66 at back of the pier in a covered area. Date is Wed., May 1st from 6 PM to 9 PM. First time for an online silent auction to start April 5. Request for auction donations from general parent body. Volunteers will be needed. After researching a number of auction solutions, the committee selected Clickbid as our best option. The cost of \$1,395 covers four events for year and includes mobile bidding software, ticketing, leaderboards, and support. General body approved the expenditure.

Oyster Classic—Pam Bailey reports that registration went live February 1st. Prices go up March 3. 18 runners signed up already from outside school. Have a college student working on the website. New T-shirt designed, ambulance booked, new racing company selected. Need help with the media reach out. Will need volunteers pre and post event. Event will be held on Sunday, June 9th. We raised \$16,000 last year. Looking for a sponsor for the T-shirt. \$25 to sign up. Will post posters closer to the event. 367 sign-ups last year; aiming for 150 more this year.

Scuba event—All organized by students including silent auction. Suggested donation of \$30. Fundraiser for Bahamas trip. Also to maintain life support quick. Held at Melville Gallery and South Street Seaport 4:30 to 7:30.

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#### Guest Speaker

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Guest Speaker on Bullying Positive behavioral supports/restorative justice—Joshua Houston presented on techniques his school uses. They use adult to student mediation, peer to peer mediation, and the Leader in Me program. Restorative circles include just include the victim, offender, and community. Peer to peer often most effective. Mediation held at lunchtime.

Enact coming to Harbor every Monday to work with 10th and 11th graders interested in joining the SAIL group of seniors working with freshman students. Applications due Friday, 2/15.

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#### Principal's Report

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Principal's report—Jeff Chetirko reports that Parent teacher conferences are March 7th and 8th. Spring dance March 15th. End of marking period 1 is March 15th.

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#### Parent Coordinator Report

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—Ronni's Round Up is a board with internships, camps, and volunteer opportunities for students. Students can photograph the flyers or get a copy from Ronni. There is also a board with teachers' first job stories for inspiration. New York City school survey has begun. Ronni will send email. She is raffling five \$25 Amazon gift cards for every family that does the survey. Each family will get a waterproof case for their participation. Send proof of completion to Ronni.

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#### Next Meeting

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Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Location: 81 New St. 5<sup>th</sup>-floor Cafeteria @ 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 pm and passed unanimously.