

MINUTES

New York Harbor School PTA Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, @ 6:00 pm | *Meeting called to order by* Lissa Wolfe

In Attendance

Board Members: Nan Richardson Co-President; Lissa Wolfe, Co-President; Marge Richards, Recording Secretary; Georgia Stefanidis, Co- Fundraising Chair; Susan Tobias, Aquaculture Parent; Bill Seery, Marine Biology Parent; Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore, Marine Policy Parent; Lisa Edstrom, MST; Susan Bailey, Ocean Engineering; Emma Acker, Freshman Parent; Pam Bailey, Senior Parent

Harbor Leadership: Dr. Jeff Chetirko, Principal, Jackye Stephenson, Assistant Principal, Ronni Ettinger, Parent Coordinator

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved by Nan Richardson and seconded by Pam

Board

Lissa W. welcomed parents and introduced the Board and NYHS staff.

Guest Speakers

Ekem Merchant Bleiberg – Health Educator

- ✚ Spoke in the need for comprehensive Health Education curriculum in all schools. Currently, this does not exist because of changes in government spending. The purpose of this is to give students tools to make informed decisions.

Treasurer's Report

Treasures Report (read by Lissa Wolfe, not official)

- ✚ Changed accounts from Wells Fargo to Chase
- ✚ Approximately \$30K in the combined accounts
- ✚ Want to work on budget for next school year
- ✚ Want to send RFP to teachers – We will try to fulfill their requests
- ✚ Next meeting a request will be made for allocations to purchase merchandise so there will be inventory available for In-Dock
- ✚ \$400.00 approved to purchase baseball caps
- ✚ Executive Board voted to spend more money on merchandise. PTA approved \$1,000 to be spent on purchasing more merchandise.
- ✚ Treasurer's report approved

Committee Reports

Alumni Association – Currently meeting with former students to create their bios. Still need help reaching out to alumni. Please forward any numbers.

Spring Tide Auction – Spring Tide Auction is taking place on May 1st. Spent \$1,000 instead on \$1,400 to set up the online auction. We have a dedicated person from Quick Bids to explain the best way to utilize the program via webinar.

The School Expansion Committee – Chancellor Carranza is supposed the school on April 10th. Going to the Panel for Educational Policy on March 27th to remind the Chancellor of his visit.

Senior Committee – Cap and Gowns have been ordered. May 1st is decision day for college. May 3rd is a pep rally for seniors. Fundraising to offset senior dues for some seniors; selling chocolates daily and food every Thursday in the cafeteria during lunch.

Fundraising Committee –

- ✚ *Oyster Classic* -approximately 90 people have signed up. Last year 367 people signed up. This year our goal is 450. Race will be advertised on Instagram. Next meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteer positions.
- ✚ *Summer Solstice* – on 6/22 there will be an even to celebrate the seniors and the beginning of the Summer. There will be food, rides, and fun.

Executive Board Elections – Raquel Morales, Penelope Clarke-May, and Schanequa Knight are the members of the nomination committee.

Principal's Report

- ✚ S.A.T. Day is March 27th. 10th graders will take the PSAT and 11th graders will take the SAT. No school for 9th and 12th graders. Students must take either the 8:30 or 9:00 boat. They must also bring ID card, a calculator that has been approved by the College Board, and 3 #2 pencils.
- ✚ Thanked the PTA for decorating for the Spring Fling Dance. 45-50 students attended the dance.
- ✚ 11th grade parent volunteers are needed for graduation. 10th grade parents are also welcome to volunteer. Graduation is on Monday, June 24, 2019, from 9am -3pm.
- ✚ The basketball team Harbor Sharks will play at Center Court at Barclays Center, Saturday, March 23rd. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$15 for students
- ✚ Invitations are going out for the National Honor Society (10th – 12th graders, 85 avg, & 5hrs community Service) and the National Technical honor Society (11th & 12th graders, 85 avg in CTE, 85 GPA, & 5 hours community service). Students can be inducted into both. Ceremony will be held on the Island date TBD.
- ✚ Junior Jump Off on March 20th. This is a college application process info session for Juniors. Juniors had to sign up to attend.
- ✚ Spring Break 4/19 – 4/26

Parent Coordinator Report

- ✚ 175 parents attended parent/teachers conference.
- ✚ Please fill out the school survey
- ✚ There will be a College Pathways workshop. Information forthcoming.
- ✚ SAIL Program – students trained in conflict resolution. 12 students have been trained to work with incoming freshman
- ✚ We started a Facebook page. Go to the school's website for the link to the page. Please like the page.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2019.

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

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