

# MINUTES

## New York Harbor School PTA Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, @ 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; Marge Richards, Recording Secretary; Nikita Huggins, Co- Fundraising Chair; Bill Seery, Marine Biology Parent; Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore, Marine Policy Parent; Lisa Edstrom, MST; Susan Bailey, Ocean Engineering; Emma Acker, Freshman Rep

**Harbor Leadership:** Jeff Chetirko, Principal; Aneal Helms, Assistant principal, Principal; Helene Winograd, School Nurse; Paul Garcia, Dean; George

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### Approval of Minutes

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Minutes approved by Bill Seery, seconded by Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore unanimously passed

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### Board

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

Nan – Changes to the By-laws: made changes regarding committees, PTA membership, and explanation of the Executive Board to make them aligned with the Chancellor’s Regulations. The new by-laws will be posted on our website.

New by-laws were unanimously approved.

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### Guest Speakers

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Dr. Katherine James with Prevention and Education Partnership 9(PEP) – E.R. Doctor and NYU and Bellevue and

- ✚ Spoke on the dangers and prevalence of vaping, Juuls, and nicotine use among kids. There is not a lot of research on the effects of nicotine on adolescents. Parents need to talk openly about the negative effects of vaping, Juuls, and nicotine with their children. Be persistent.

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### Treasurer’s Report

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Treasures Report (read by Lissa Wolfe, not official)

- ✚ \$31,600 across the three accounts
- ✚ Income
  - \$10,578 AHOD
  - \$4,369 Merch
- ✚ Expenses
  - \$9,583 College Trip
  - \$5,000 Merchandise
  - \$1,015 Springtide
- ✚ Treasurer’s report approved

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### SLT Committee Report

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There was not a meeting because both Jeff and Michael were busy and Lisa Edstrom stepped down. Marge Richards nominated for SLT. Unanimously approved.

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## Committee Reports

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**Alumni Association** – Still reaching out to alumna. Getting some feedback.

**Spring Tide Auction** – Spring Tides online auction has begun. The actual event will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The School Expansion Committee** – going to follow-up with the Chancellor. We may start an email campaign.

**Senior Committee** – Thursday fundraising is going well. We are reaching out to parents for Senior dues. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Decision Day Pep Rally. The kids found a vendor for the senior rings. Prom is on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> is Senior Trip to Great Adventure. Seniors may want a scavenger hunt. We will be asking for a \$2,000 budget for refreshments.

**Fundraising Committee** –

🚩 *Summer Solstice* – Date has to be changed because it conflicts with the regents schedule.

**Marine Policy** – Marine Policy bought t-shirts to sell for fundraising and the D.O.E. paid for them.

**Miscellaneous** – School Nurse will be sending home new forms for students who are on medication.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Marine Science Symposium and the PTA meeting focusing on Special Education

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## Principal's Report

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- 🚩 Still practicing Soft lockdown, evacuation, and shelter in drills
- 🚩 S.A.T and P.S.A.T. Day – 9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders were off. This helped with scheduling.
- 🚩 2 field days for 9<sup>th</sup> graders to see CTEs. The last on ins on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 🚩 Last week there was a mock regents for Science and Math. There may be a mock Global History regent
- 🚩 We are one of the 22 schools accepted into pre-AP pilot program. We are looking to increase for 3 to 5 AP courses next school year for all incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders.
- 🚩 The Chancellor visited on April 10<sup>th</sup>. He was excited about the way our students were able to talk about the school
- 🚩 Participated in Pencil.org Principal for a Day. Our Principal for a day was Tim Davis We are going to meet every 2 weeks to see how we can get more exposure
- 🚩 May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the end of the marking period. So, make sure your child turns in all missing work.
- 🚩 May 9<sup>th</sup> is the final Parent/Teacher conference. 9<sup>th</sup> grader parents will meet with CTE teachers. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents will look at transcripts to make a plan for graduation.
- 🚩 May 9<sup>th</sup> the PTA will be hosting a Teacher Appreciation lunch

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## Break-out Sessions

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## Parent Coordinator Report

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## Next Meeting

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Tuesday, May 21, 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.