

MINUTES

New York Harbor School PTA Minutes

JANUARY 19, 2021@ 6:00 pm

Executive Board Members in attendance: Marge Richards and Ian McGrath **Co-Presidents;** Donna Coppola **Vice President;** Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore and Angie Martinez **Secretaries;** Tamara Johnson **Treasurer;** Elizabeth Kirk, Renee Alevras, Debra Sito, David Chang, Louise Mulvihill, Nan Richardson, Alex and Cas Stachelberg, **CTE Parents** Glenda Hoffman, **Senior Parent** and Naima Freitas, Michelle Eliseo, Carraid O'Brian, Sophie Staub, **Freshman Parents**

Welcome and *Meeting called to order by* Ian McGrath

Ian McGrath welcomed all parents and directed everyone to the chat. Links to sign-in, minutes from December 2020 PTA meeting, and the Agenda for the evening. Spanish translator available if needed.

Approval of Minutes

The December Minutes written by Angie Martinez and Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore were posted into the chat. Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore moved to approve the Minutes. David Chang seconded the minutes. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Tamara Johnson Reported ● As of December 31, 2020 we have \$39,772.03 In our Chase Checking Account, \$8,022.96 in the PayPal Account. ● Making our total PTA funds \$47,794.99. We collected \$369.72 raised from the Family Bingo Night, \$4543.80 from donations, \$77.64 merch sales, \$540.00 for Teacher's Wish List. No expenses for the month of December. Pay Pal charges a fee if the friends and family option is not used.

SLT Committee Report

Donna Coppola reported there was an SLT training to attend. There is nothing to report at this time.

More will be reported in February.

New Business and Committee Reports:

Special Education Seminar on February 2nd, 2021 6:00-8:30PM

Nan Richardson reported we will have a Special Education Seminar coming up. Present at the meeting will be Dr. Rodriguez on clinical and psychology, parent advocates from Include NYC, Mark Surabian in AT Specialist, (Assistant Technology), and a lawyer from the office of Elisa

Hyman. A few of the special education teachers from Harbor will also attend. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Events/Fundraising: Donna Coppola asked with anyone interested in being a part of the Fundraising Committee to send her an email. The Ugly Sweater Bingo Night turned out to be fun. The next venture could possibly be and Escape room activity or other virtual games. Nan Richardson is working on the cookbook, and thinking adding Ads. Additional info will be provided. Donna Coppola ask if available, to add to the AHOD donations. Typically the donation ask for is \$250.00, but you can give what you can. If you are doing it thru Pay Pal use the Friends and Family option. Other ways to help support can be thru Amazon Smile, ShopwithScripts, and Café Press to purchase any School Merch. Donnacoppola520@gmail.com

Communication: Ian McGrath asked if anyone interested in joining the Communications Committee email him. Ian reported the website is more active and is being linked to our other social media accounts Like Facebook and Twitter. We are looking to place all the content into a news letter, and if anyone is good in lay-outs reach out to the committee. The film project is broken up in to two videos. One will act as a TikTok short video showing the school campus grounds. Reminding how the school looks and for those Freshman students that have yet to visit. The amazing film maker parent KoKo is working on the films. The second film will focus on the CTEs that are offered at the school. magraith.im@gmail.com

Sustainability: Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore and Naima Freitas are looking for all that can help. There are a few things that can be done and get the kids involved like for Earth Day, get the dishwasher up and running and use real dishes and silverware. There are grants that we can apply to. Email Ellen if you're interested in helping. Nan added Earth Matter and that we should help them stay on the Island. hauerfan@gmail.com

A meetup will be arranged.

SEA: Nan Richardson reported a meeting for the on January 20th, 2021, signup on the Manhattan Borough President's office Meeting, and all that are present can post comments. We are voting to be approved for the 55515 Building which is the hospital building to accommodate a gym, a pool, extra classrooms the school needs. A request to speak to the Councilmember in your area and set up a meeting to have them assist in getting this request approved. Any member on the SEA can assist. Please send a letter.

SENIOR REP: Glenda Hoffman reported the Senior pictures have been scheduled for March of 2021. Volunteers are needed to assist. Shirt Design Form deadline extended but need to be returned to Ronni. About 30 students opted to assist with the Year Book. Discussion about "I Applied" celebration of the college process, when additional information is available Glenda will send out a notification. Ronnie booked a tentative Prom date June 10th 2021 at Chelsea Piers. No date at this time for the Graduation, hopes of a social distance event.

FRESHMAN REP: Naima Freitas reported that the Freshman IO group has been very active. The trip to Ice Skating ring was good, and reaching out to meet again lastt month. Michelle Eliseo mentioned another ice skating trip the parents were interested doing it a couple more times.

CTE Reps:

AQUACULTURE: Renee Alevras said no additional information is at this time. They are looking into internships and assisting the seniors.

MARINE BIO: Nan Richardson reported they are looking for Internships for the students. Great news that Mauricio signed an MOU (memo of understanding) with BMCC (Borough of Manhattan Community college) and starting in the Spring a few of the students to take a some courses for free. Hudson River Foundation has agreed to be a host and mentor for the students. Nan is also looking into grants as well.

MARINE POLICY: Debra Sito reported that Marine Policy Rob Markuskie met with New York City Economic Development Corp and the Marine Policy group and their families. During the conference the young people that work there talked about the different planning that goes into the job. They are working on Internships and resumes as well. Debra has a relationship with the Bronx River Alliance which they started a remote internship last summer. Costal Classroom as another reference for the students.

MARINE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: David Wang reach out to Clark, and it seems that the 10th graders are rotating welding and marine engineering every marking period. The 10th graders are taking Intro to Shredding Metals, marking period 2 they are working on Intro to Wood Building, marking period 3 Blacksmith and Forging, and marking period 4 Intro to Welding. In June every 10th grader will take the boat safety class and will be certified the the US Coast Guard. The 11th graders are doing Marine Engineering and Welding, at the end of the marking period they will take their OSHA training, and marking period 6 the CPR training. The online classes will be purchased with the budget from last year. The kids are doing pretty well. He reported their goal of raising \$10,000 dollars for 2021-2022 for individual welding PPE equipment such as welding masks and gloves and face shields.

OCEAN ENGINEERING: Emma Acker the big push to get more parents to sign up and join the Ocean Engineering Group in IO. Amy Koethe will assist Emma with anything she needs and support Rick. Amy mentioned for the 10th and 11th graders, look into the The Greater New York ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) website. There is a FREE mentorship.

PROFESSIONAL DIVING/SCUBA: Alex Stachelberg and Cas Stachelberg mentioned they would benefit greatly and on the SEA Committee. They need all the support they can get from the parents, the school needs the pool, and should have the pool. Please support the school on this. The teacher Lenny Spergen thanked the SEA Committee for there efforts on getting a pool. The sophomores are enjoying the unit on Fish ID. The class will also work on a boat safety course. The juniors are working thru college level program called Scientific Diving. The seniors are working on Grand Financial Management, working on resumes, filling out forms, learn our to create their own bank accounts and get a credit rating. Lastly once back in the school, back into the pool and working on skills that they did not do. We really would like a pool even the pool that can be take apart and be rebuild in the hospital building, it can save some money.

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VESSEL OPS: Maureen Packer/ No report

Principal's Report: Jeff Chetirko, Principal, Aneal Helms and Diana Halluska Assistant Principals, Jackye Stephenson 10th Grade Advisor

Jeff Chetirko greeted all present. Reminder that January 31st will be the deadline for students to make up that received NX grades in the Spring of 2020. Many students made up the incomplete during the Summer and some students have not yet thru no fault of their own. The Grade Advisers and teachers have been reaching out to those students. The week of 1/25-1/29/21 there will be no Live Instruction or new assignments, but the teachers will continue to have Office Hours. Students can take this time to reach out to their teachers and finish any assignments need to earn the grade. To all the freshman families, this is not like middle school when I comes to earning credits, you get credits at the half way point in January and at the end of the year in June. The Spring marking period will start February 2rd. Please reach out to Diana Halluska the 9th grade Admin with any questions on grading. February 1st will be a No School day, it will be A Professional Development Day for Teachers/Admins. Jeff has been working hard on getting January Regents waivers if they finish classes like Living Environment or finished Algebra. This is important for the 11th grade families. Many of the children in the 11th grade students will receive a waiver in January for English if they have passed English I-V. For the Juniors, Jessica is doing college workshops, an email will go out to them and 11th graders should sign up. All though we are not in person, we are still collecting Covid consent forms. There are no plan at this time when in person will begin again. There will be an Open House for incoming eight graders.

Jackye Stephenson reported at this time all students should have working technology, she has been in touch with students if they are having issues. The DOE has a department that also handles technology issues. Feel free to contact Jackye with any problems/issues.

Diana Halluska wants to let the 9th grade parent know the Advisory Plan will begin. It will be a 6-week cycle and will be 12 groups the students will be broken into. There will be over 20 advisors working with the students.

Jeff thanked Jackye for dealing with the technology issues from day one.

Parent Coordinator's Report: Ronni Ettinger

Parent Coordinator Ronni Ettinger Happy 2021 to all.

The DOE is asking for all to register the for New York Schools Account by February 1st. The New York Schools Account is great way to see the students grades, attendance, report cards from all grades, and a Graduation Tracker. Ronni sent out reminders and she can send specific codes to the individual student that have not registered. A form will go out in reference to parent involvement, what has been working, what has not been working, what the school can offer in the future and what kind of support needed. Ronni will share the information to the PTA Board and the Administration.

A monthly workshop has also been going out as well. Two of the workshops offered is the Brain Power and Elevate Education. Brain Power is a wonder opportunity to refresh and recharge after a long day. Elevate Education with a lot of different tips on organization, clean area to work, and different apps that are helpful. Another workshop coming up for internet safety and bullying and all including students are

welcome to attend. Ronni mentioned Deidre the math teacher would like to offer a Tech Series for parents about Google Classroom and Pupil Path. A form will be sent out. For the Freshman parents there will be a Coffee and Conversation starting in February. Working Paper info was sent out as well. Once complete email/screen shot it back to Ronni's email. rettinger@newyorkharborschool.org

Ian thanked for all the weekly videos; Ronni's Roundup.

A few of the Staff members received the 1st shot of the Vaccine.

NEXT PTA Meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2021 on Zoom @ 6:00 pm