

FEBRUARY 23, 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;** 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 on our second NYHS PTA meeting of 2021. Marge Richards called to approve the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

The January Minutes written by Angie Martinez and Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore were posted into the chat by Ian McGrath. Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore moved to approve the Minutes. Amy Koza second the minutes. Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Tamara Johnson Reported • As of January 31, 2021 we have \$39,803.78 In our Chase Checking Account, \$7859.69 in the PayPal Account. Making our total PTA funds \$47,663.47. • Revenue for the Month of January 2021: \$31.75 from Scrips; \$41.85 Donations. • Expenses for the month of January 2021: \$240.00 to Elizabeth Kirk for io.groups; \$186.18 for Hootsuite Subscription; \$30.19 for Alan Young (custodial treats). • The 990 e-filing completed-Thank you to Polly Chea for assistance.

SLT Committee Report

Marge Richards reported the school felt that the Special Education Seminar was informational but not as personable as last time due to being on Zoom. Clarity on the Technical Honor Society and changing the grades to quantify is up to the committee to decide. The committee is made up of CTE teachers, Core teachers and Administrative staff. After the committee is formed then the parents can make suggestions. Elizabeth Kirk reported there was a meeting with Jeff, Diana, Supervisor School Psychologist from District 2, Admin of Special Education and talk about IEP meetings and what the procedures are. Everything needs to be decided at the IEP meetings. Parents are advised to save all of their records pertaining to the EIPs, they will need these documents to serve as proof for services needed.

New Business and Committee Reports:

Debriefing on the Special Education Seminar held on February 2nd, 2021.

Debra Sito shared that someone at the seminar mentioned a group called Include NYC. Thru Include NYC she came across Access VR which assist in transitioning and trains youth in building trades, food industries, and veterinarian training to name a few. Debra S. placed her email in the chat for any parents that would like additional information. debrasito@aol.com

Ian M mentioned IO.Groups, all the subgroups connected to it and how its used to communication between parents. Elizabeth Kirk set this up and paid for the Harbor School use. A poll was sent out to the parents to “officially” agree on the reimbursement. **Agreed.**

Elizabeth K suggested to have a Parent to Parent chat to assist in a self-help for parents along with the struggles of helping out kids get thru this difficult time. This is just a mechanism to help support amongst parents. The first meeting will be March 1, 2021- 6pm on “How to get my Teen up to class in the morning”. “Motivation during remote time.” Email reminders to follow via Ronni.

Events/Fundraising: Donna_Coppola mentioned a possible plan for another Bingo Night at the end of March or beginning of April. The cookbook is going out for distribution soon and to committee would like to plan a fundraiser around that by adding Ads. Donna C is working on a letter with pricing, how the Ads would look. If parents know of any businesses that would. The committee looked into casing a Scavenger Hunt, and discovered it’s a bit costly for a family of four. What the committee would like to do is have a few fundraising events and be able to sponsor the Scavenger Hunt for the students at the end of the year. Donna C has plenty of School Merch, and a reminder of Café Press and ShopwithScrip.com -- Email her for info.

Donnacoppola520@gmail.com

Communication: Ian McGrath reported they are keeping up with the blogs on Facebook and Twitter. There is much more activity on the social media front. If you have joined the page or liked the page, you should see notification of different thing going on. You can also pop by on the [PTA Page](#) as well. There has been forward progress on the film front for a few TikTok videos of a school tour. About 4 hours of filming has taken place on the Island by KoKo, one of the Parents along with company of some of the staff from the school. Editing is in progress and will be done soon. Committee is also working on a longer video as well for the future. Anyone interested in joining the Communications Committee email Ian, magraith.im@gmail.com

Sustainability: Naima Freitas mentioned it’s a small committee, they have had a couple of meetings. Decided to focus on the garden right now, a grant was written for about \$2000. Dollars and in March the committee should here back. For anyone interested in joining can send an email. Rob Markuskie has been working on sustainability at the school. Rob has a few of the Kids working on Hydroponics Gardening, kits will be sent out.. hauerfan@gmail.com

SEA: Amy Koza reported Lauran Barillo who is the head of School Construction Authority will be taking on a new position and unsure what the that will mean for the school. She as been supporting the school and the hopes that she sees the needs of the 515 Building thru. In Community Board 6 there is a Harbor Middle School opening up and they have a seat on the trust. Amy is trying to get a meeting with them. Nan R has submitted a grant for \$245,000. for Computers for All, \$184,000. For Aqua Hydroponic Lab, \$9000. For Wide assign monitors for Bio. to the city council. The deadline is near on the voting of to get the 515 Building approved, continue to write to your council member, if no response follow up with a phone call. You can also either join the meeting to speak or send you messages. If you need the committees help let them know. You can also join the IO.group..

SENIOR REP: Glenda Hoffman reported the Senior pictures have been postponed for a later date. Jeff notified that pictures are possible rescheduled for April 7 and 9, and will be on the Island. Senior Dues will be waived for this year which includes the cap, gown, and shirts. Donations are being accepted to off set the cost; *info to follow*. Prom is schedule for June 10th 2021, at Chelsea Piers cost is around \$160.a ticket. Senior Awards ceremony will be schedule for some time in May and students only. Graduation is schedule for June 24th 2021 and will be held on the Island no cost to parents. Some events are being thought of like Video Letters to the Seniors, A Senior Showcase, Adopt-a-Senior and also an Online game night. More info will follow.

FRESHMAN REP: Naima Freitas reported some of the ninth grades got together for some Ax Throwing. More events are being planned. If you are interested you can find more info thru the Freshman IO.group.

Principal's Report: Jeff Chetirko, Principal, Diana Halluska Assistant Principal

Jeff Chetirko greeted all present. Up coming PSAT dates the 10th graders should sign up if interested offered at the school on April 15th 2021. All Juniors will be registered for the April 13th 2021 SAT. There is still time for students to submit NX appeals for the prior school year. Reach out to Jeff C. with any questions related to the NX process. Any student that has received with NX for January 2021, have now to the end of June 2021 to complete and gain your credit for the class. A Support Squad has been formed of teachers, admins, staff to work with the students. No decision yet about the Regents.

Diana Halluska reported the 9th grade advisory is coming into the 3rd week. Working on coping strategies Coffee and Conversations and been nice. AP exams will be offered electronically this year, more info to follow.

Lastly Jeff C announced on March 17th, 2021 and March 18th, 2021 will be Parent Teacher Conference. More info will follow.

Parent Coordinator's Report: Ronni Ettinger

Out for this Meeting.

CTE Reps:

AQUACULTURE: No report at this time.

MARINE BIO: Nan Richardson reported they are trying to hire a young college person to assist Mauricio that can assist in GIS at BMCC. BMCC has offered to sponsor a few students this semester, with hopes to serve more students next year with the free college courses.

MARINE POLICY: Debra Sito reported that Marine Policy is working on Create a Creative Scheme and hands on the Hydroponic Kits. Rob Markuskie working on composting and collecting data with the students. There will be a parent meeting. Rob was been arranging real life practical applications in Marine Policy. There was a presentation for developing the water front at Gowanas, the kids analyzed some sketches on different activities going on at the waterfront. with New York City Economic Development Corp and the Marine Policy group and their families. Rob was the kids busy.

MARINE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY: David Chang no update at this time. David is waiting to hear back from Clark.

OCEAN ENGINEERING: Emma Acker has no news, but hoping to have info next month.

PROFESSIONAL DIVING/SCUBA: Alex Stachelberg has been in touch with Lenny and the sophomores are working on Fish ID, the juniors are going into Dive Tables, and the seniors are moving onto Ever5 unit 4. Any questions on anything feel free to reach out to Alex S, she is also on the SEA Committee and suggests all are welcome to join, more bodies and help needed. Go2alexs@gmail.com

VESSEL OPS: Maureen Packer/ No report

A FEW LAST COMMENTS:

Marge mentioned if and when you get your Covid Vaccination send in some pics we can share and encourage others to get it.

Jeff C Huge thanks Nan Richardson for submission of the grants for New York Harbor School.

Meeting Adjourned – Thank you.

See you at the Next General PTA Meeting March 16th, 2021