

April 20, 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**

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Welcome and *Meeting called to order by* Ian McGrath

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Ian McGrath welcomed all parents. Ian M. reported we have been awarded a new building and will discuss tonight.

Marge Richards welcomed all parents and request to review and approve the March 2021 minutes.

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Approval of Minutes

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The March Minutes written by Angie Martinez and Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore were posted into the chat by Ian McGrath. Nan Richardson moved to approve the Minutes, Tamara Johnson second. Approved

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Treasurer’s Report:

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Tamara Johnson Reported • As of April2021 we have a total of \$56,006, Donations/Fundraising \$209.00, General Expenses: Senior activities \$0, Harbor School \$108., CTE \$0 Louise M moved to accept, Bryan second. Treasurer’s Report accepted.

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SLT Committee/SEA Report

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Nan Richardson reported design process for the Building 515 is underway. She emphasized that now is the time to think BIG in terms for the school’s amenities such as: a pool, cafeteria, auditorium, library, additional classes and a garden. She encourages all to submit any ideas they may have. Marge Richards reported the Student Council are setting up committee for the elections and they will start a social media account. There is discussion of the UFT implementing a few new programs: Tech training, Stress training to name a few.

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New Business and Committee Reports:

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Openings to join our PTA Community for 2021/2022: Ian M mentioned the ending the year is near. The PTA executive board will need new members if anyone is interested, please let us know. No experience is necessary. We all help each other out.

Vote on Restocking Merch: Amount approved \$3000.**YES**

**Events/Fundraising:** Nan mentioned the cookbook is just about done and will be printed soon. The Oyster Classic will be virtual this year. The participants will run wherever they can. It will be June 4-13 2021. You can register. An email with the link to join has been sent out. Elizabeth mentioned the March Madness was a success. Frank from the faculty won, and 3 students. Hopes to plan earlier for next year. Elizabeth discussed how successful the Parent-to-Parent meetings have been. We are working on a Fundraising Drive, additional info will follow.

**Communication:** Ian McGrath reported the film will hopefully be finished soon, thanks to the Marine Policy crew for all the help. We are also keeping the Website up to date.

**Sustainability:** Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore reported that Sustainability is focusing on the garden at the moment. Jeff interjected that some has been hired to help with the garden.

**SENIOR REP:** Glenda Hoffman was not present.

**FRESHMAN REP:** CTE process has begun. Look out for the info.

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### **Principal's Report: Jeff Chetirko, Principal**

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Jeff Chetirko greeted all parents. Jeff sends a HUGE THANK YOU to all for fighting for the Hospital Building. The Guidance and the Administrative teams worked hard to provide open space for the Restorative Justice Circle. Shared In-Person schedule for the month of May and June went out. The plan for the for the Regents Exams are still uncertain and will be updated once the information comes in. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is Chancellor's Day so teachers are in and students are off.

End of the marking period is approaching, there will be time set aside for the students to reach out if they need help and catch up on any missing assignments. Harbor Wellness Day on May 12<sup>th</sup>, with activities for students to join, info will follow. The National Honor Society and The National Tech Society recipients have been notified and a Virtual Celebrations is being planned.

The will be a Principal Borough Tour is under way to discuss the Expansion Plans for the Harbor School with the community also discussions on Summer School planning and figure a way to implement In-Dock type planning.

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### **Parent Coordinator's Report: Ronnie Ettinger**

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Ronnie Ettinger notified the parents to fill out the Device Form even if you do not have an electronic device. Monthly Parent Workshops are available. Emails are sent out in the beginning of the month with a schedule. All parents should register for the NYC Schools Account. Coffee and Conversation has been very successful with the freshman parents. The picture galleries have gone out for the seniors. Every student should pick a gown picture and a gala picture. If you need information on the working papers email Ronnie E.

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CTE Reports:

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OCEAN ENGINEERING: Emma A. reported a Near Peer Virtual Career Series will be on Ocean Engineering. Reach out to Emma A collaborate and support the group.

DIVING: Alex S. reported the Sophomores are working on PADI Project Aware, Juniors are working on Diving tables, and Seniors are working on the safe boater class.

AQUACULTURE: Elizabeth K. reported the students here given an oyster kit to grow at home. Measuring PH balance, monitoring water, feed the oyster watch the how the water clears up.

MARINE BIO: Nan R. reported planning are still going for the trip next year. It was mentioned that there should be a trip for the Sophomores and Juniors. There will be an invite going out for another meeting with the parents.

MST: David C. reported the new teacher hired and wants to plan a meeting to meet all the students for the up-and-coming year.

MARINE POLICY: Debra S. reported the students are participating in composting, hydroponics and sustainability.

### **MAY 18, 2021 NEXT MEETING**