

May 18, 2021@ 6:00 pm

Executive Board Members in attendance: Marge Richards and Ian McGrath **Co-Presidents;** Donna Coppola **Vice President;** Ellen Dobbryn-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. Ian M. stated that the minutes and sign-up were in the chat.
Marjorie Richards welcomed all parents.

Approval of Minutes

The April Minutes written by Angie Martinez and Ellen Dobbryn-Blackmore were posted into the chat by Ian McGrath. Louise Mulvihill moved to approve the Minutes, David Chang and Charlie Castro seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Tamara Johnson Reported • As of April 2021 we have \$53,946.15 in Chase account, \$11,759.65 in PayPal: total \$65,705.80. Received \$129.90 from Run-Signup, \$1,205. from cookbook sales and Ads in Chase account, \$1263.71 cookbook sales in PayPal, \$571.23 in cookbook Ads in PayPal, \$58.63 in parent donations, \$21. In Giving Fund in PayPal, \$58.38 Merchandise sales, \$143.36 from Café Press. General Expenses: Apple pen for a teacher \$107.79, \$96.81 in Shop-with-Scraps. Charge back from PayPal of \$250. and a fee of \$15. Tamara J. mentioned if you need a refund or to dispute a charge to reach out to her. Reminder to also shop using Shop-with-Scraps, it is a great way to give back to the school.

SLT Committee/SEA Report

Marjorie Richards reported that the SLT meeting will be held in a few days, and had nothing to report at the time. Next month she will make a double report.

Events and Committee Reports:

Ian McGrath discussed the upcoming Virtual Oyster Classic. Once signed up for the Oyster Classic, you can join on the Strava app, then join the Oyster Classic Club and your activity will be recorded. T-shirts for the race will be available. The shirts can be picked up at the Battery Marine building; a few can be sent home with students, some can be sent via mail and a borough-to-borough drop off is being arranged.

Andre Amrhein reported that about 200 people have signed up. A reminder email will be sent, and notice will go out via mail as well.

Parent-to-Parent meeting: Ian McGrath reported on an upcoming CTE question and answer session with parents.

The meeting is scheduled for Monday June 7th. A reminder will go out.

EXECUTIVE PTA BOARD VOTE UPDATE: Marjorie Richards announced that all PTA Executive Board positions are open. No experience is needed to run, and she reported that it has been a great experience for her. Ian McGrath said that descriptions of each position can be sent out and the positions are: Secretary, Marine Policy Rep, Marine Bio Rep; any position can be held by more two persons and share.

VOTING POLL:

1. \$1500 for the MTS hands on building project: **APPROVED**
2. \$2000 for the Senior Breakfast/Award Ceremony: **APPROVED**
3. \$1019.65 & \$821.95 for T-shirts for the National Honor Society and the National Technology Honor Society: **APPROVED**

PRINCIPAL'S BOROUGH TOUR: Jeff Chetirko reported that this was a great event to have for the school community. He started the tour in Brooklyn and will end it in Staten Island. Jeff C. thanked everyone who came out to support this event. He would like to continue to hold this event for years to come.

Events/Fundraising: Donna Coppola reminded all to join the Virtual Oyster Classic race. Donna and Amy are working to inventory the Harbor School merchandise and that there are new items to come. Donna C. suggested another way to fundraise is to go on Facebook and choose to support the Harbor School PTA there.

Communications: Ian McGrath reported that the film will hopefully be finished as soon as some Drone footage available to wrap up the film. He is promoting the Virtual Oyster Classic and keeping the website up to date.

Sustainability: Naima Freitas reported that the committee is focusing on the garden. Fred from "Nature Based" will come to run a program with the students. A group of freshman parents and caregivers will be going to the garden to do some maintenance soon. There will be opportunities to continue the maintenance of the garden over the summer. She reported looking forward to more student involvement with the garden and hopes to work on more Sustainability issues next school year.

SEA: Amy Koza reported that the committee sent out a survey to teachers, students and staff asking for their hopes and dreams for the new building. When students fill out the survey they will be entered to win a \$100. Gift certificate. The results of this will be presented to SCA(School Construction Authority), a compilation of the ideas that the Harbor School community has, by Cas S , Nan R, and Tiffany Tavella (a senior parent working on the buildout with SEA.)

A temporary pool will be needed until construction of the permanent one is completed. Fundraising planning is underway.

Grace M reported the plus pool is still in planning new Pier 35 and Pier 36, and in hopes that it will be in some time next year, but it not for sure.

FRESHMAN REP: Caraid O'Brien reported that the freshman community is growing beautifully. The meetings with Ronni are great. Naima F. has organized a group of parents and students to work on the garden. There will be a meeting for the parents to provide guidance on how best to pick the right CTE for their children. Career days have started for Harbor students.

WELLNESS UPDATE: Debra Sito reported that the three main events for the end of the year that parents should attend are: Senior Panel on Post Graduation Transitioning, Allyship and Bystander Intervention

Workshop, and LGBTQ + One on One for Adults. Info and reminders will be sent out. Parents will be able to attend the Restorative Justice Circle which is held every Mondays and Wednesdays. The discussions will be about diversity, conflict and how the world is.

CTE Reports:

DIVING: Alex S. reported on looking for a pool to replace the use of the Bushwick Pool which might go under renovation. If any parents can join in this effort to brainstorm on ideas for a pool, they are more than welcome to reach out.

AQUACULTURE: Elizabeth K. reported that the students are still working with the oysters; there are about many spout oysters have developed.

MARINE BIO: Kelly Knight reported that the Science Symposium is coming up. The students have been working really hard on the project. Seniors have been wanting to go into the school to show the Juniors and Sophomores the Lab, and to familiarize them with the facility.

MST: David C. reported that the new MST teacher Chris Green is on board and looking forward to the purchasing of the hands-on kits mentioned earlier in the meeting. He thanked the PTA for approving the budget. He is looking forward to discussing the PPE budget for the Fall at the next meeting in June.

MARINE POLICY: Debra S. reported that the students are participating in composting; the students are also working on a letter writing campaign to the head of the Ways and Means Committee which supports the Billion Oyster Project. Rob will participate in a discussion at Columbia University about student engagement and civil leadership in the community; how to go about it and participate.

Parent Coordinator 's Report: Ronnie Ettinger

Ronnie Ettinger thanked all the parents that keep coming back for the "Coffee and Conversation" meetings. Ronnie thanked Karen, she closes out the meeting with a blessing. Parent office ours coming up the CTE. Info will follow. The last Brain Power Wellness workshop is coming up. Special guest Rocio Cuevas introduced STEM from Dance. In July they will have a program called "Girls Rise Up" to learn dancing and create a tech infused performance. They will hear from guest speakers to learn about different STEMs available. Students can join virtually or in a hybrid format. There is a cost (to be announced) for the program. Contact stemfromdance.org

Principal's Report: Jeff Chetirko, Principal- Senior Activities

Jeff Chetirko greeted all parents. Jeff sent out a notice about the Regents. Those students that passed their classes will receive a Waiver.

Senior activities reported by Jeff and Aneal: June 10th will be the Prom to be held outdoors with "Collective Retreats", a camping facility. The theme for the prom is "Casino". The Awards Ceremony will be held on June 15th. All the activities will be held outside, with roller skating and food provided. Graduation rehearsal will be held on June 16th; students will receive yearbooks, caps and gowns, and Senior Swag. Graduation is June 24th, two tickets are available per student. The National Honor Society/National Technical Honor Society awards will be held virtually on June 3rd. Paula B. is looking for photos from students that did not take a graduation photo, to be placed in the yearbook. Ronnie R added that those students who did take graduation photos and cannot access the file should contact the photographer directly. Ronnie R reminded all to fill out the Senior Spotlight forms.

More information to follow.

Thanks to the Whole Senior Committee!!!

See you in June!