

June 15, 2021@ 6:00 pm

Executive Board Members in attendance: Marjorie 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 Representatives;**
Glenda Hoffman **Senior Representative;** Naima Freitas, Michelle Eliseo, Carraid O’Brian, Sophie Staub, **Freshman Representatives.**

Welcome and *Meeting called to order by* Ian McGrath

Ian McGrath welcomed all parents and announced that the sign-in sheet, May minutes and Agenda had been posted in the chat. Ian gave a briefing on the agenda topics.

Treasurer’s Report:

Tamara Johnson Reported • As of May 31, 2021 we have a total of \$52,885.78 in the Chase account, \$12,352.66 in the PayPal account totaling \$65,208.44. Revenue for the May 2021: \$44.63 Amazon Smiles, \$895.20 Runs Sign-Up, \$30.75 Shop-with-Scripts, \$134.66 Harbor Cookbook , \$127.52 Merch, \$420.44 Oyster Classic Run, \$105.54 Parent Donations. General Expenses: \$195.15 Gift cards for Teachers and Staff, \$2030.95 National Honor Society. Tamara reminded all to use Shop-with-Scripts when making purchases as the school benefits each time; when sending money via PayPal, please use the “Memo” section to ensure the money is allocated accurately. Tamara thanked everyone. Treasurer’s Report accepted.

Approval of Minutes

The May Minutes written by Angie Martinez and Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore were posted into the chat by Ian McGrath. Nan Richardson moved to approve the Minutes, Louise Mulvihill seconded the movement; minutes approved.

Special Speakers: Dean Paul Garcia and Sergeant Olivero on Safety & Security in the School

Dean Paul Garcia greeted all; thanked Ronnie Ettinger for highlighting the work he does. He appreciated the opportunity to talk about it in a Coffee and Conversation session. The foundation of their work is keeping students, teachers, and staff safe on The Island. A lot of the work is behind the scenes with the Safety Committee, whom they meet with monthly. He reported that he is looking forward to doing more outreach and welcoming all students and staff back on campus. An issue he will be focusing on is cyber-bulling and social media. Sergeant Olivero stated that he has been with NYHS for the last three years. He loves the educators and the students and how they all work together to keep the school and students safe. Dean Garcia discussed how he likes to see the students right when they come in, he can “take the temperature” of the student body and work with Jeff through proper channels to address any issues he may have detected. Jeff interjected that going through two lockdowns over shooting threats in one month has taught school authorities a great deal; he feels confident in their preparedness and asserted that “The Harbor school is probably the safest school in Manhattan.” The students are strongly encouraged to say something if they see

something. Sergeant Olivero has made many presentations at seminars and he looks forward to being in-person and being able to discuss subjects like bullying and gang awareness.

PTA OFFICERS VOTED IN FOR 2021-2022

Treasurer: Tamara Johnson

Angie Martinez moved, David Chang seconded, Tamara Johnson duly elected.

Co-Presidents: Amy Koza & Ian McGrath

Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore moved, Donna Coppola seconded, Amy Koza and Ian McGrath duly elected.

Vice-President: Donna Coppola

Ian M. moved, Louise M. seconded, Donna Coppola duly elected.

Co-Secretaries: Renee Alevras & Bridgette Bethea

Ian McGrath moved, Nan Richardson seconded, Renee Alevras and Bridgette Bethea duly elected.

CTE REPS:

Aquaculture: Elizabeth Kirk & Grace Mack

Debra Sito moved, Ian McGrath seconded, Elizabeth Kirk and Grace Mack duly elected.

Marine Bio: OPEN

Marine Policy: Debra Sito

Ellen Dobbyn-Blackmore moved, Angie Martinez seconded, Debra Sito duly elected.

Marine Systems Technology: David Chang

Nan Richardson moved, Alex Stachelberg seconded, David Chang duly elected.

Ocean Engineering: Emma Acker

Nan Richardson moved, ? seconded, Emma Acker duly elected.

Diving: Alex & Cas Stachelberg

Angie Martinez moved, Debra Sito seconded, Alex & Cas Stachelberg duly elected.

Vessel Ops: Maureen Packer & Nathalie Robbins

Alex Stachelberg moved, Debra Sito seconded, Maureen Packer and Nathalie Robbins duly elected.

SLT:

Niama Freitas & OPEN

Amy Kosa moved, Bridgette seconded, Naima Frietas duly elected, a partner to be found in the Fall.

APPROVAL FOR THE BUDGET 2021-2022

IAN MCGRATH

SEE ATTACHED

Nan Richardson moved, Marjorie Richards seconded, Budget approved.

SLT Committee

Marjorie Richards reported the meeting focused on the Harbor Middle School. Pricilla and the teachers of the middle school/elementary school will work over the summer to build a curriculum that focuses on marine and maritime topics. Teachers will be trained, they will also work on building relationships with marine oriented businesses. Nan Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation expressing the needs and wants for Building 515. She listed some, such as how many classrooms are needed, should there be more than one nurse's office? Should there be additional Administration offices? What is the best way to protect green spaces at the school? How best to ensure a high-quality Library will be built, and quiet spaces as well?

Principal's Report: Jeff Chetirko, Principal

Jeff Chetirko greeted all present. Jeff shared his appreciation of how. Beautiful the virtual ceremony of the National Honor/Technical Society was. The planning began in January. He congratulated Nan Richardson on being the Honorary National Honor/Technical Society Recipient. He thanked all for their efforts in support of the school. He reported that the DOE Chancellor came to visit the school, she was able to see what the students have been working on all year.

He reported that the Prom was a memorable event; the students and teachers enjoyed themselves greatly. This was a great opportunity to reconnect with others who had been in remote-only learning the whole year. Some students were able to stay overnight (Jeff received the #1 tent). The Prom was hosted at the Collective Retreats.

He announced that the awards ceremony has been postponed to the following week; Graduation Rehearsals are underway, to be followed by the Graduation.

Diana Halluska announced that for the Freshmen, the planning for the Harbor Up Huddle with teachers will happen soon; please look out for additional information. She reported that the CTE selection process is almost complete, and the decisions will be made available to families soon.

Aneal Helms thanked the senior parents for all their participation at the school, and all the support they have given to the students.

Jeff C. congratulated the newly elected PTA Executive Board.

Parent Coordinator's Report: Ronnie Ettinger

Ronnie Ettinger congratulated the newly elected PTA Executive Board. She thanked those who served on the board and who are leaving us. She gave another thank you to all the parents/guardians who showed support and participated in all the workshops that were held this year. The workshops held were Brain Power Wellness, Elevated Education, one teacher lead a Tech series, and there was a Restorative Justice Circle. Coffee and Conversation held for the freshman parents was great; it was a wonderful way for them to meet and connect on a personal level. She announced that the last Coffee and Conversation will be held next week.

Ronnie E announced that she will be working this summer, if any students have need of working papers, they should reach out to her. She announced that In-Dock will be happening in two sessions; one week is for the incoming ninth graders and the other week will be for the rising tenth graders. Information has been sent out and In-Dock will be in-person. She encouraged all present to please fill out the school survey if they have not already done so; the link has been placed in the chat box.

Committee Reports:

Events/Fundraising: Donna Coppola reported that we made almost \$500 through Shop-with-Script, an easy way to do it is to buy a gift card. She reported that The Oyster Classic was a good event; many participated not all within the Harbor Community, many were from elsewhere. She reported that Amazon Smile is another way to contribute to our fundraising efforts. She announced that the cookbook is almost ready and will be delivered soon. Ian M interjected that the results of the Oyster Classic are still pending; once all the information is collected an announcement will be made.

Communication: Ian McGrath reported that the tour film has been edited and completed by KoKo, it is up on the PTA website. He announced that he will be promoting the video on all the social media platforms. He added that we are looking forward to having the Oyster Classic in person next year.

Sustainability: Naima Freitas reported the committee's focus was on the garden; there have been many ninth graders, siblings and parents who assisted in watering and pulling weeds. She invited anyone interested to join the committee in the Fall should reach out to her, and anyone available over the Summer to water the plants or do weeding should use the spreadsheet sign-up in the chat box.

CTE Reports:

DIVING: Alex S. reported that we were officially told BMCC has approved our use of its pool. It's a 12-foot-deep pool. There is also an academic component to this BMCC partnership in the works.

MARINE BIO: Nan R. announced that the Marine Science 10th Annual Symposium is coming up and that information has been sent out to all. Planning for the trip to the Bahamas is underway. She is looking for parents to join and become representatives for Marine Bio; with all the collaborations going on with BMCC there is a lot of work to be done.

MST: David C. introduced the new MST teacher Chris Green, who mentioned how the engine project was a great project and that he is slowly learning how the school and its funding work. He is happy to be here.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER 2021