

MINUTES

NEW YORK HARBOR SCHOOL PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2021 @ 6:00 PM, ZOOM CALL

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

AMY KOZA AND IAN MCGRATH **CO-PRESIDENTS**; DONNA COPPOLA AND CHRISTINE CONIGLIO **VICE PRESIDENTS**; TAMARA JOHNSON **TREASURER**; RENEE ALEVRAS AND BRIDGETTE BETHEA **RECORDING SECRETARIES**; ELIZABETH KIRK, GRACE MAK, TRICIA GARCIA, KOKO, DEBRA SITO, DAVID CHANG, STEVEN SPOSITO, CARAID O'BRIEN, MAUREEN PACKER, NATHALIE ROBBINS, NAN RICHARDSON, ALEX AND CAS STACHELBERG, **CTE REPRESENTATIVES**

REPORTS & DISCUSSION:

- Welcome (Amy Koza & Ian McGrath, Co-Presidents) start at 6:11 pm, agenda, attendance

Approximately 49 people attended the meeting.

Reminder to pick up Cookbooks from the PTA mailbox.

- Review & Accept Minutes from October 2021 meeting

- Treasurer's Report (Tamara Johnson, Treasurer) Co-Treasurer position is still open.

As of October 31, 2021 we have \$49,789.19 in our Chase Checking Account and \$17,382.83 in our PayPal Account for a Total PTA funds of \$67,172.02. Revenue for the month of October = \$2375 and Expenses for the month = \$643. Reminder to use ShopwithScraps and make donations correctly via PayPal. Introduction to CheddarUp.

NEW BUSINESS: 20 MINUTES

- Events Report (Amy Koza)

Recap of Halloween dance - more food next time, no need for expenditure on late ferry as most kids were ready to leave by 6 pm. Jeff has asked for PTA assistance in planning a holiday event.

Recap of Clean-up Day - Great success and thanks to all of the volunteers. Boxes of books to be donated. Request for parents to send ideas and resources for donations.

CheddarUp for donations - MST needs specific items for projects. Families can shop for items they want to donate. Wellness Room, Marine Bio, Individual CTEs will also use CheddarUp for funding their projects. It works like a wishlist and you pledge money for specific items, but the money is pooled and used to purchase items to benefit specific programs. Secure processing of funds. Also used for PTA store purchases.

Matching Funds - call to families to reach out to their employers.

Join December holiday celebration committee - email aepkoza@gmail.com

Use Amazon Smiles Account for charity New York Harbor School Parent Teacher Association.

- Information on IEP Support (Elizabeth Kirk, Aquaculture Representative) N/A

CTE UPDATES: 25 MINUTES

- Aquaculture: (Elizabeth Kirk and Grace Mak) - N/A
- Marine Biology: (Tricia Garcia and Koko) - Mauricio has a priorities list and agenda, reaching out to parents for feedback on a newsletter to keep info updated regarding our senior projects, credits for service and hands on learning, boat trip for each class for sampling in the harbor, SEALS giving event coming up at Thanksgiving, BMCC to send computer interns to help us with our computer classroom set-up, lab equipment needed funding through CheddarUp.
- Marine Policy & Advocacy: (Debra Sito) - The CTE has been certified. Rob and his students, and the Admin testified and it was a successful group effort. Growing the CTE to bring in more Freshman interest. Gear/PPE on order. Composting Project with Sustainability - new equipment and guidance.
- Marine Systems Technology: (David Chang and Steven Sposito) - Ask for equipment through CheddarUp for the teachers and students.

- Ocean Engineering: (Caraid O'Brien) - Amy reported, during clean-up, the engineering classrooms were cleaned out and 10 boxes of items will be donated to Materials for the Arts program to avoid landfill.
- Professional Diving: (Alex Stachelberg and Cas Stachelberg) - Students are in the water at Bushwick pool. Swim training on Saturdays is going well. Nan organized the contract at BMCC pool. The Seniors should be able to use it soon. Reminder of Rowing Event on Saturday Nov 20.
- Vessel Operations: (Maureen Packer and Nathalie Robbins) N/A
- Ninth Grade Class: (Lara Bursor, Samantha Lee, Zac Martin, and Laura Paddock) - Hoping to organize an in-person event for Freshmen families. Ideas include skating party, library volunteers - contact Amy at aepkoza@gmail.com
- Amy encourages CTE reps to send in wish lists from the Instructors for PTA support.
- Supply Closet clean up finished.
- Wellness Room - We need furniture and lamps, etc for creating a relaxing retreat environment and creative room for the kids. The school Wellness Committee will come to us with a plan.
- Party for December - need volunteers, entertainment and pizza.
- SLT Committee Report - Internships and working papers, dance planning, Oct 14 recap.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT JEFF CHETIRKO: 20 MINUTES

- Principal's Report
- Q & A with Jeff and Aneal
- *Principal's Report at 655 pm.*
 - *Many new families joined us for the Middle School Info Sessions.*
 - *Dec 3 end of Marking Period.*

- Covid testing weekly; please send in permission slips for your students to get tested so that we have a wider selection of people to test every week. We keep having negatives.
- DESSA surveys are happening now. 43-question social emotional learning assessment done in December and again in the Spring. Information will be collected to make sure kids are getting the support they need.
- Thank you to families for the clean-up project and helping to establish the students' wellness center. There is a city-wide mental health crisis in the NYC school system. Our community is safe and welcoming, but our kids need the support and attention. We are spending a lot of time providing social emotional support for our students. Our school aids and guidance counselors are working on resources for families. Please communicate if you have any concerns.
- SATs coming up in March. Check for accommodations now if you need them. IEP accommodations don't always match IEP. Diana Haluska will assist with submissions for IEPs and 504 Plans for approval at The College Board. Letters going out to families. Check your account and use your SSD number to register for exams to get the accommodations.
- Senior Info Session tonight at 730 with Jeff.
- Thanksgiving Break is coming up.
- Dec 24 to Jan 2 Holiday Break coming up.
- January Regents Week reminder Jan 25-28. NO SCHOOL unless you are taking an exam. 11th graders are taking English Regents and students taking retakes. Invitations will go out with report cards. Regents requirements are 4+1 (English, Science, Math, History +1) and some students have met the exceptions for waivers during COVID.
- Senior Photos and Class Pictures are sent out from Vision Tech.
- Foreign Language at school - question from parent. We do not have the budget at this time but we do encourage our continuing students to look at online options. No changes in the next 3 years until we have a larger building and student body. We need \$150,000 additional per year to help us with these expenses. We are no longer a Title 1 School. Work with SLT to create a 10 year plan to get the additional funds we need to pay for the ferries so that we can offer more classes and faculty.
- Mental Health at Harbor. Diana said DOE is providing resources to Urban Assembly Schools. Part of RSP (Resilient Scholars Program) with UA schools - 3 year plan to build the advisory program for Harbor students. DESSA will provide info to support a multi-tiered program and fund "Pathways to Care" to connect families to providers. We have an engaged community and students and teachers have great relationships. There is cause for concern. Stay engaged and involved. Need something to look forward to - ask for PTA to help out with Winter Wonderland, social, dance, planning for a movie night or yoga & meditation. December 17 event at School.

- *Listserve for families. Email Aneal to ensure you are on the email list ahelms@newyorkharborschool.org*

Thank you and invitation to join Breakout Rooms.

COMMITTEES IN BREAKOUT ROOMS: 20 MINUTES

- Wellness Committee
- Communication Committee
- Sustainability
- SEA - School Expansion/Advocacy
- Senior Class Committee
- College Resource Room

NEXT GENERAL PTA MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 6-8 PM ON ZOOM
