

## ▪ MINUTES

### ▪ NEW YORK HARBOR SCHOOL PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

▪ February 15, 2022 @ 6:00 PM, ZOOM CALL

#### ▪ EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- AMY KOZA AND IAN MCGRATH **CO-PRESIDENTS**; DONNA COPPOLA **VICE PRESIDENTS**; TAMARA JOHNSON **TREASURER**; RENEE ALEVRAS AND BRIDGETTE BETHEA **RECORDING SECRETARIES**; 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**

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## REPORTS & DISCUSSION:

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- Welcome (Amy Koza & Ian McGrath, Co-Presidents), Approx 68 attendees
- Review & Accept Minutes from Jan 2022 meeting (Renee Alevras and Bridgette Bethea, Co-Recording Secretaries)
- Treasurer's Report (Tamara Johnson, Treasurer) See attachment: \$ 76,268.53 funds available as of 01/31/22, use CheddarUp, Amazon, ShopwithScrip, pay with PayPal. Tamara presented the new consolidated budget format which allows for more efficient use of funds in the departments where the funds have been allocated. Jeff asked how the expenditures will be decided and Amy responded that we ideally receive targeted funds fulfilling department, teacher and student council requests. PTA Vote 100% Yes to pass the new budget format.

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## NEW BUSINESS: 20 MINS

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- Events Report (Amy Koza)
  - CheddarUp Campaign Update - Please send in fundraising ideas for the next round. Establishing "buckets" for spending allows families to fund the projects important to them.
  - Call for Volunteers:
    - Senior Committee Chair - to work with Anneal and Ronni
    - SLT Opening - 2 year commitment, Lara Burso volunteered and accepted to join SLT
    - PTA Vice President - our VP stepped down

- Valentine's Day Candy Grams/ Dance postponed - candy grams were organized & delivered, well-organized fundraiser with Student Council
- Oyster Classic Update - Sunday June 5, need 40 volunteers and prep, Laura Paddock will spearhead, email Amy if interested
- Staff Appreciation Day Planning - mid-may, call for call for volunteers, pot-luck
- Cleaning Day Save the Date (Amy Koza and Nan Richardson) - April 9 or 30 (rain), prepare garden, door painting, classroom work
- Junior College Night Recap (Alex Stachelberg) - recording and recap of seminar to be sent to families from Jeff for those who could not attend
- Groups.io Highlight (Ian McGrath) - email platform introduction and invitation
- PTA Voting
  - Budget Revisions (Ian & Tamara) - vote passed at beginning of meeting
  - Marine Bio Resource Funding (Koko & Tricia - advocating parents) - request for \$1300 to purchase industrial water testing kit for students, questions about training and sharing with other CTEs. PTA Vote 100% Yes to pass the funding request.
- Additional Items
  - Koko asked parents to make themselves available for Interview Practice for the Marine Bio students
  - Marine Policy (Nan subbing for Debra) requested Vote to re-allocate \$1400 in funding to Marine Policy trip to gather data on commercial fishing and environmental impact in LI, instead of paying for MP podcast equipment which had previously been approved but was donated. PTA Vote 100% Yes to pass the funding request.
- Test Delivery Petition Success (Nan Richardson) - Regents delivery issue solved. DOE agreed to deliver 1 day in advance to another school for us to pick up instead of cutting into testing day time.

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**PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT RONNI ETTINGER 5 MINS**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT JEFF CHETIRKO 20 MINS**

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- Ronni Ettinger, Parent Coordinator
- Principal's Report and Q & A with Jeff

- COVID protocols - testing on Mondays of all students. Anyone with close contact will get 2 tests. For Mid-Winter break, everyone will be given 2 tests to bring home to use at the beginning and end of recess Feb 21 - Feb 25.
- CTE Selections coming up
- Non-Instructional Day on March 23 for 9th and 12th graders
- PSAT and SAT on March 23 for 10th & 11th graders
- Hispanic Federation Financial Aid Workshops on March 25 in English and Spanish
- Next Step Advising - NYC program for college resources
- English Regents is waived for students with 5 credits of English
- March 16 & 18 PT Conferences, onsite location or virtual TBD
- April 15 - April 22 Spring Recess
- March 3 Camelback Mountain snow tubing Senior Class trip, get release forms, no fees
- Ice Skating rental for students 9-11th grade during lunch hours
- May 25 Awards Ceremony - student only event, catered, slideshow
- June 9 Prom on Gov Island at glamping site "Collective Retreats"
- June 10 Senior Night at Great Adventure, open until 2 am, additional fee
- June 23 Senior Graduation on Gov Island
- Ronni will send out Senior dates, dues information, need family volunteers
- Black History Month Celebration at school continuing through the year
- Freshman Coffee & Conversation with Ronni to continue again starting March 1 at 10 am with guests Diana, Frank and Jen; Social worker and guidance counselor to attend; considering evening sessions
- School Survey coming up, mail, email, online, gift card incentives
- Ronni's emails coming up with volunteer and STEM opportunities
- Yearbook booster ads
- Contact information for Ronni 347-218-4953 or 212-458-0800 x2134

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**PARENTS QUESTIONS: 25 MINS**

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- Professional Diving & Certification - to be discussed in breakout sessions
  - Homework policy - direct any questions to Aneal, Diana and Jeff
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**COMMITTEE UPDATES: 15 MINS**

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- Wellness Committee - funds from Cheddar Up allowed purchases to get requested items, need volunteers to finish the Wellness room, contact Amy
  - Communication Committee - Ian is maintaining the website, Marine Bio Newsletter, Oyster Classic 5k Website
  - SEA Committee - Nan - The Gov Island Trust has not allocated any land with the new school building, just a small garden near the building, indicated a mini gym and half-sized pool; we need advocates and a unified community, families to go to hearings and make case for more land and better facilities; Alex Stachelberg - call for parents to speak at meetings and call reps; Nan asked families to write letters and come to meetings during the design phase before it is too late; Grace Mak encouraged a diverse panel of students and families from all the boroughs.
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**CTE UPDATES: (IN BREAKOUT ROOMS) 25 MINS**

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- Aquaculture: (Grace Mak)
  - Marine Biology: (Tricia Garcia and Koko)
  - Marine Policy & Advocacy: (Debra Sito)
  - Marine Systems Technology: (David Chang and Steven Sposito)
  - Ocean Engineering: (Caraid O'Brien)
  - Professional Diving: (Alex Stachelberg and Cas Stachelberg) Jeff
  - Vessel Operations: (Maureen Packer and Nathalie Robbins)
  - Ninth Grade Class: (Lara Bursor, Samantha Lee, Zac Martin, and Laura Paddock)
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**NEXT GENERAL PTA MEETING TUESDAY MARCH 15, 6-8 PM ON ZOOM**