

▪ MINUTES

▪ NEW YORK HARBOR SCHOOL PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

▪ May 17, 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**

REPORTS & DISCUSSION:

- Welcome (Amy Koza & Ian McGrath, Co-Presidents), Approx 33 attendees
- Review & Accept Minutes from April 12, 2022 meeting (Renee Alevras and Bridgette Bethea, Co-Recording Secretaries)
- Treasurer's Report moved to end of meeting (Tamara Johnson, Treasurer) See attachment: \$70,220.76 funds available as of 04/30/22, April revenue approx \$186 from donations, April expenses approx \$1300 for Student Council pizza, cleaning, vending machine refill; use CheddarUp, Amazon, ShopwithScrip, pay with PayPal. Budget meeting coming up 5/19/21 at 7 pm.

NEW BUSINESS: 20 MINS

- Events Report (Amy Koza)
 - Oyster Classic Coordination June 5 (prep on June 3 & 4) volunteer sign up for set up and clean up, room for 400 runners, raffle donations (thanks to Lara Bursor) and tickets, running practice at school with Frank
 - Staff Appreciation Day June 9 Luncheon call for donations and volunteers
 - In Dock Date Confirmed by Jeff - last full week in July 25, stipends and work hours, BOP coordination, engage with the curriculum, potentially opening up to students from other schools in the future
 - Nominations for Open Seats on the PTA, Elections on June 21
 - We need co-Pres to work with Amy next year - someone with tech savvy; can attend the President Council Meetings 1x month; plan for welcome meeting in Fall

- o We need 2 VPs - Oyster Classic, Fundraising, Cheddar Up, school store liaison to Student Council
- o We need 1 Co-Secretary to work with Renee
- o We need 1 Co-Treasurer to work with Tamara
- o We need 1 SLT 2 year position
- o Come to final meeting on June 21 to nominate, run, and elect PTA for 2022-2023

PARENT COORDINATOR'S REPORT RONNI ETTINGER 5 MINS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT JEFF CHETIRKO 20 MINS

- Principal's Report and Q & A with Jeff
 - o Regular schedule of classes end June 14, before Regents start
 - o June Regents - June 1 US History new format, June 15 English Regents, June 15-23 Regents week - no classes
 - o Current Seniors and Juniors have Regents waivers and have fulfilled requirements to graduate; Soph and Fresh have some waivers + exams
 - o Regents Diploma graduation requirement 4+1 exam subject areas required science, math, social studies, english+1; Advanced Regents add another Math, Science, LOTE/CTE
 - o (Diana H and Jeff) CTE Application process starts this week after 5 weeks of introduction; decisions are due on 5/27; parents should work with students and teachers to decide on CTE
 - o CTE satisfies the Advanced Regents Requirement for all CTEs except Policy and Diving which are still applying for State Certification. Need the teachers to be certified. Creation of the process for certification is making progress and all 7 CTEs should be certified by next year.
 - o AP Class applications are coming up
 - o Training run every Friday morning with Frank before the 5k; walk, run & donate

- Ronni Ettinger, Parent Coordinator (Moved to beginning of meeting)
 - Recap of survey responses and raffle winners
 - Elevate Education Events Recap and Coming up - webinars for students and families on May 17, 24 - workshops on a variety of topics including planning, note taking
 - Senior Events, Prom May 23 at Chelsea Piers Masquerade theme for 110 kids expected, Awards Ceremony Wed May 25, Senior Night trip to Great Adventure June 10, graduation rehearsal on June 21 receive caps and gowns, Graduation June 23
 - Seeking donations for Senior events, staff and families have been generous
 - Seeking volunteers for Senior events
 - Graduation Volunteers needed (Junior parents & kids!) June 23
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PARENTS QUESTIONS: 25 MINS

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COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- SEA - School Expansion/Advocacy, (Nan) Coordinated letter effort; Urge the Mayor to make a decision, contact with Lorraine Grillo Deputy Mayor (formerly of SEA), hoping for a solution on the land surrounding the property to be included on the lease of the new building. Students at the PEP meeting on April 27 spoke with the Schools Chancellor who has been invited to visit the Island to see and appreciate the school. The GI Trust president is appointed by the Mayor. We need the Mayor, Chancellor and Trust on our side to proceed together for Harbor School.
- Internet on the Island (Nan) We are a “leased school” (not owned by DOE) so we are put at the back of the line for technology upgrade. We were offered old parts to swap out our outdated hardware. Teachers put in complaint tickets. School is issuing 100% of internet service (15% is social media). Outdated systems from 2010 cannot be upgraded. Upgrade to bandwidth promised in May but no progress made. Upgrade to hardware needed.
- Free Ferries (Nan) Rob/Sustainability students and CCHS Jeff’s meeting presentation, press release requesting better and free transportation alternatives for the students coming from underserved areas of Red Hook and the Rockaways.

- Ian (for Koko in Marine Bio) - Please get involved in committee for the Center for Climate Solution selection process to create a shared vision and become partners with the eventual tenant

CTE UPDATES: (IN BREAKOUT ROOMS) 25 MINS

- 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)
- Elections Committee (Ian and Amy)

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