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Minutes for Art & Design High School PTA General Meeting • December 7, 2017

Call to Order

A General meeting of High School of Art and Design PTA was held on 12/7/17 in the Library. It began at 6:31PM and was presided over by Miguel Chavez as President.

Attendees

Executive members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Evie Hantzopoulos, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, Maritza Arroyo

Executive Members not in attendance: none

Additional attendees: Principal Ureña, PC Janeen Johnson, Ms. Langer (school nurse), Ms. Cox, Ms. Morales, Mr. Savage

Approval of Minutes

11/2/17 PTA General Meeting minutes were provided.

- Motion to approve the minutes
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: minutes from 11/2/17 meeting were approved

Treasurer Report

Giving Tuesday was a great success.

11/1/17 Balance \$13,709.70

Revenue \$3,160

- Bake Sale \$219.50 (Drawathon)

- other \$394.00

- Annual appeal dues \$3,160

11/30/17 Balance \$16,993.60

Need to audit - requested 2 volunteers - result: no volunteers signed up.

Principal Report

Happy Holidays greetings.

Reminded parents of children scheduled for regents that there is a lot of tutoring available. Parents should have received a notice on tutoring sessions.

Reports cards should be received by next Friday or Monday. A very successful marking period - school has improved dramatically in three years. The 90-100 and 80-89 ranges have had double digit increases.

Fundraising

Evie thanked parents for Giving Tuesday and reminded them all funds go directly to support students - there is still time to give!

Bake sale is on 12/22. Halloween bake sale made almost \$1000 and we ran out of items. Requested parents send as much as possible.

More fundraising coming. Requested that parents continue to get items for the auction - email her, sign-up for committee. \$10,000 goal!

Saori and Miguel presented on FanFaire; 1st pop culture festival for Art and Design. Comics, fashion, architecture will be featured. Tickets go online tomorrow. www.fanfaireisfor.me

Looking for sponsors. Need an army of parents to volunteer; liasons, clean up, AV, etc. Sign up sheet at table.

Need to by insurance - \$500. Was not on original budget

- Motion to accept \$500 additional to budget to buy insurance
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: an additional \$500 to budget to buy insurance

- Motion to accept \$5000 budget for Fanfaire
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: \$5000 FanFaire budget approved

\$1500 for cheer squad outfits will 100% cover costs. \$500 was originally approved in current budget.

- Motion to approve additional \$1000 spent on cheer squad outfits
- Vote: motion carried
- Resolved: additional \$1000 approved for cheer squad outfits expense.

Presentations

1. School nurse Ms. Langer introduced; 8 years at Arts and Design, job is to keep kids healthy and safe, sees about 65 students/day.

- Kids not getting enough sleep. Please help get them to bed earlier - by 11pm. They need 6-7 hours of sleep.
- They are also very hungry.
- A lot of kids have asthma. Please fill out forms for inhalers and epipens, medication for migraines and menstrual cramps

2. Ms. Cox and Ms. Morales getting more social workers interns - from CRP. High caseloads of IEPs - need support! CRP has licensed curriculum, 15 Masters- level 2nd year interns. At the end of the year, they will collect outcomes.

3. Mr. Savage- teacher advisor, Sp. Ed., and faculty advisor Gay Student Alliance (GSA)

- Shout out to PFlag who were incredibly helpful to him when he decided to come out. GSA is a safe space. Biggest issue at A&D is transgender students (bathrooms, transitioning from class). Need strategies to help transgender students. October was Coming Out month - worked with students. Evie shared there are Chancellor's guidelines on transgender students.
- Some students are out in school but not at home - double life.

4. PFLAG - Drew Tagliabue, Executive Director NYC and staff

Explained transgender is about how someone feels in their head vs who they are being told when they were born. PFlag runs support groups in many locations. Peer support - families helping other families. General support groups, dedicated groups - Info on website.

Research is clear that they are more susceptible at being at higher risk to bullying, dropping out, substance abuse, suicides.

Two presentations: a parent of a gay son and a transgender man; shared their life experiences/testimonials.

5. ThriveNYC

- has 54 initiatives, 6 main principles - (1) change culture on how we talk about mental health, (2) preventative measures - Act Early - , (3) closing treatment gap - Hunter College added an additional 20 hours, free of charge, (4) partner with communities, (5) using data more effectively, (6) strengthen government to lead
- Negative vs positive stress; go hand in hand with self-esteem. Words/language is so important.
- Peer-counseling and encouragement are crucial with the creative mind.
- Did meditation/breathing exercise

Adjournment

Meeting adjournment moved by Miguel Chavez. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Secretary
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