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10/04/18 Minutes for Art & Design HS PTA General Meeting

Call to Order

A general membership meeting of Art and Design was held on Tuesday October 4, 2018 at the cafeteria. It began at 6:38pm and was presided over by Miguel Chavez, with Karen Rafael as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, Gabrielle Williams, and Karen Rafael

Members not in attendance included Jiin Wen, Nelsa Boyer, and Evie Hantzopoulos

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous September 12, 2018 meeting was made by a parent and seconded by another parent.

Treasurer's Report

Treasures Report was presented by Jean Stemm

- Income -
 - \$3100 annual appeal
 - \$100 Fairway supermarket
 - \$98 bake sale at curriculum
- Expenditures \$479

- Balance \$17,956 Q: how do you inform parents where the funds go?

A: [The funds were approved from this past May 2018 for the 2018-2019 Budget, here are a few examples:](#)

Lower Art kit price for freshmen, College trips - paid the bus, Sewing kits - kids get it free, General teacher supplies (printing), Chemistry Regents books. [We adjust each year to match the needs from the student body, we hope to expand our support for the seniors.](#)

Q: do you have standard yearly payables? A: yes, please see 2018-2019

Approved Budget (handed out during meeting)

Q: what financial decisions are made by the board? A: Board is the watch keepers, we structure and bring budget to the general pta.

- We planned the budget last year and approved by general PTA.

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- All expenses are based on the approved budget. Unless there is a significant change in amount or items purchased, the money will be spent as per line item. However each month, the treasurer reports the spending of the past month.

Q: can you help subsidize the graphing calculator for math?

A: we can try and look for wholesalers

Q: Can you help the cartooning majors? Teacher gave us a list of supplies

A: yes. Bring us a list to see what we can buy at lower cost

Q: how do teachers ask for funds:

A: working with Admin

- Ms. Johnson - This PTA has raised the most money in 15 years. The teachers are not used to getting or asking for money from the PTA.

Q: What is the time frame a teacher has to do an ask? A: Yes, we prefer (strongly suggest) a month before so we can bring request to the general PTA.

Q: is there an electronic form?

A: Yes we do

Q: how often is Material for the Arts used? A: Yes, all the time for different majors. This brings up another issue-- transporting materials. There are other resources for free materials, like from Parsons, they had body forms to give to us and we needed parents to transport the materials.

Q: Could we have a Uber/taxi budget line?? A: We prefer that we establish a network of parents that can help pick up materials.

Q: Fixing the sewing machine - Is school responsible?? A: We understand

the school is for all equipment, but we are not sure on the maintenance contracts.

Principal's Report - Given by Ms. Johnson. She shared graduation rates with us.

- 2018 Graduation rates including August graduates up 88%, Goal for 2019 graduation rate 89%
- College readiness - 3 years ago 37%, 2018 - 73%, 2019's goal 80%. Junior this year are at 81% college ready. Focusing on IEP children - 50% college ready
- Regents - ELA 55%, Global 83%, US History 56%, Algebra up 4%, geometry up 2%, Algebra II up 1%, living environment up 7%

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Funding requests

- Ms. Giovannetti - would like us to pay for food Newscast team. 8 celebration totaling \$800. - Approved
- Mr. Bencsko would like us to pay for a guided tour at the Guggenheim museum for 2 classes \$450 - approved
- Ink for Ms. Edelman's printer \$500 - approved

Other Reports School Safety Protocol was presented by AP of Safety, Mr. McCalla.

Special Presentation: School Safety Protocol AP of Safety, Mr. McCalla and representatives from NYPD will review building and safety protocol.

- No NYPD reps were present.
- Mr. McCalla is in charge of COSA, Step team, Soccer
- It is a luxury to be able to come to the PTA and ask for money - PTA paid for the Soccer and Table Tennis T-shirts.
- **School Culture:** Nice school. Kids feel welcome. Very inclusive school, kids are protected. Be yourself. But kids are kids - anything on social media that is harassing, could lead to a suspension. Meeting with parents to discuss possible next steps.
 - Safety officers and teachers listen to the kids chatter.
- **School conduct code**

- Kids should be in class when music is down (bell)
 - Safety guards are patient and lenient on the kids if they are not in class, they remind them to go.
- Bathroom pass - kids must have a pass
- No running in the hallway
- Class teachers govern their class.
 - No food in the class
 - Safety not stopping class instruction for wearing a hat
 - If kids are strongly debating, they are removed from class and taken to mediation
 - If it gets physical, possible suspension. Call parents, meeting, mediation
 - Parents will be contacted for any interaction
 - Teachers log in every step taken to intervene.
- There is counseling/mentoring with at risk students
 - Q: My son asked for a person he can talk to.
 - A: Miguel- there was 2 groups that came in to help with social workers but didn't work out. PTA is hoping to re

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establish the program. The school has many great teacher to seek help/talk.

- There are services for students in crisis.
 - Dean's office, guidance, nurse, at risk counseling in school, mentoring. They ask that parents keep the school informed also. Call the dean or guidance counselor.
- Q: how do we find out about clubs?
- A: Clubs are starting up now. Flyers will be posted around the school.

○ **Elevators**

- Kids can take elevator to the 5th FI only.
- Nurse treats elevator passes like gold. If a child needs the elevator, bring a doctors note. The nurse will call the doctor to verify.

- **Lockers**
 - Kids have a locker.
 - There is an attendant in the Gym locker
 - Stolen items can happen. Leave your things in the locker.
 - No changing in the hallway.
 - Q: should kids use lockers? Parent's kid has not used their locker.
 - A: Yes, use your locker. School is safe, but don't leave bookbag outside
- **Cafeteria**
 - All kids eat in the cafeteria
 - Only seniors with an 85% average can leave the building to have lunch outside
- **Dress Code**
 - If you look in the mirror and you question the outfit. It's not appropriate
- **Cell Phones**
 - Allowed only in the cafeteria
- **Building response team**
 - In charge of Lock down Procedures, Evacuations and soft lock down ● Last month there was an evacuation due to a faulty smoke alarm.
 - Evacuation: where do kids go to?
 - Close to Stair C - go to Chase Bank
 - Stair D - go to 2nd Avenue head south
 - If the issue is under control, notifications will be sent later. If it is an emergency - Notifications will be sent faster
 - Depending on the severity of the issue children will be sent to a close location OR sent to another borough.
- Protocols:
 - Don't tell your child to go to Starbucks

- Don't rush over to the school

■ A&D shares the building with a D75 school and an elementary school. Q: who is in the front desk? A: School Safety. They are part of the NYPD but less aggressive.

Q: What do you do about drugs? A: Weed is the popular drug in the school. Prescription drug are also an issue. Your child is not allowed to give any of their prescription drug to other students (i.e - Midol, tylenol) Parents are called and this can lead to suspension. Safety works in partnership with Parents, Friends of Art and Design, school safety and NYPD. We try to avoid arrests.

- 3 Year data on safety -
 - Issues have gone down over the years due to prevention and not cure.
 - 124 issues 3 years ago, 53 last year.
 - 70 suspensions in past years, down to half now
- Positive behavior and support
 - Tier 1: at risk, low grades
 - Tier 2: all Art majors have clubs, COSA club, PSAL teams
 - Tier 3: Universal - student receives an award or a gift card, grade awards, honor roll, perfect attendance, student of the month

Announcements

Newscast team

- Exec board spoke to Mr. Ureña. He is willing to meet us halfway. Newscast team wants T-shirts and food for their party after every newscast. Mr. Ureña will pay for the shirts and PTA will pay for the food.
- Ms. Giovannetti has big plans for the newscast. Kids work hard and she wants to post newscasts so they are public. Sign waivers. **Draw-a-thon - George Alonso, President of the Alumni Association**

- Saturday Nov. 17th 10-7pm
- Cosplay models in the cafeteria, Nude models in the Gym
- Volunteers needed
- Open to the community
 - Tell Middle schools you

know. **Fanfaire - Dan**

- School turns into Comic Con

- Big part of learning
- Open to all grades
- Need parent volunteers to coordinate and plan.
- Earned 7K last year. We are hoping to double that
- Weekend show, Friday set up

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● Kids sell and keep the earnings. **Raffle**

- winner of the Mac Mini - Kathy Antol - sophomore parent

Fundraising Initiatives

- Fundraising Committee meeting - Monday, October 15, 6 PM - Whole Foods on 57th Street

Adjournment

Miguel Chavez moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:31 pm.

Secretary Art
& Design HS
Date of
Approval