

**Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Sept. 14, 2016 FINAL**

Held in the Principal's conference room, #107, at Stuyvesant HS, 345 Chambers St., NYC

Directors Present: Shakil Ahmed '98 (phone), Christina Alfonso '01 (phone), Dan Egers '03 (phone), Soo Kim '93, Beth Knobel '80, Vanessa Liu '92 (phone), Harry Malakoff '62, Bart Schwartz '64 (phone), Robert Sherwood '68 (phone), Eleonora Srugo '04, Brett Lewis '02 (phone), Ed Balaban '69 (phone), Jim Stergiou '67

Trustees Present: Joan Ai '94 (phone), Tyrone Chang '92 (phone), Jeff Kestler '64 (phone), Phil Lehman '72 (phone)

Staff Present: Lisa Tepperberg '88, Evelyn Krejci '76,

Guests: Bill Weiss '80, Lisa Huang '13, Hal Diamond '78, Brian Sterr, Faculty (Math),

President Kim called the meeting to order, 7:03 pm, 12 directors present (6 on phone)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

→ **Motion by Mr. Balaban:** To approve the July 6, 2016 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Malakoff Unanimously approved

Principal's Report

Principal Contreras introduced himself and shared his priorities for the upcoming year, which included review of instruction, guidance and Diversity. He discussed focus on the existing students who will be submitting to Intel/Regeneron, as well as the development of a strategic plan that begins engagement earlier than spring of junior year. He noted that the PSAT for juniors was no longer being funded by the Dept. of Education. It would cost \$12,000 to administer the test to all juniors.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Tepperberg stated that Directory section of our website has new enhancements, allowing alumni to search by industry, company and title as well as the ability to view historical newsletters. The Directory gives alumni the ability to change their contact information directly online rather than submitting emails to the office to update the database. She noted that we recently hired Rachael Biscocho '12 as a Marketing Associate.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Srugo presented the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget. She noted that new items included StuyPrep and mentoring. Mr. Kim stated the Executive Committee approved this budget.

→ **Motion by Stergiou:** To approve the Budget for FY2016-2017.

Seconded by Mr. Malakoff Unanimously approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Allocations

Ms. Srugo stated the committee would meet first time next week with plans to modify the form, to tighten and streamline the process.

Communications

Ms. Knobel presented the Social Media policy, expressed interest in tools for information sharing, and wants to improve the quality and quantity of newsletters in the upcoming year.

Ms. Srugo noted that getting the committee calendars set and structured for the full academic year was helpful in the previous year.

Development

Mr. Lewis noted that he spoke with the former Development chair and committee is meeting on Monday, Sept. 19th.

8:20PM, Ms. Liu left the call, 11 directors present

Mr. Stergiou stated he has evaluated venues for the upcoming Annual Gala. The board discussed the timing and it was agreed that the gala would take place in November 2017.

8:45PM, Mr Sherwood left the call, 10 directors present

Diversity

Ms. Alfonso reported last night's Open House was successful, 650 RSVPs, a lot of positive feedback. She continued by saying StuyPrep started in July and has been pretty successful. Committee is meeting next week. Their consistent schedule is the 2nd Tues every month.

President's Report

Mr. Kim asked that all Directors and Trustees update their information in the directory. He noted that the StuyPrep program was a success because of the efforts of Kent Kim and Ms. Alfonso pushing it forward. He stated that we should be reviewing the Reunions report, noted the Newsletter is a priority and highlighted that with the new Principal and the requests that are coming in from the school, that this was a call to action for Board Directors and Trustees to work provide funding to support the school.

New Business

Mr. Diamond stated he is working on a finance-networking event for November, already has 8 speakers. Hopes to have one monthly or bimonthly. Mr. Kim recommended contacting Dan Gallancy '97 for the Finance as he ran several in the past.

Old Business

Ms. Srugo spoke about the Mentoring program. There are 160 student applicants, applications being reviewed now. Mr. Blumm is helping. Want to get out the call for mentors. Need help to get it out. Add to website. A few changes have been made to the program as enhancement.

Adjournment

→ **Motion by Mr. Malakoff** To adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Kim Unanimously approved. Adjourned at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Alfonso '01
Recording Secretary