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Minutes for Art & Design High School PTA General Meeting • October 5, 2017

Call to Order

A General meeting of High School of Art and Design PTA was held on 10/5/17 in the Auditorium. It began at 6:38 pm 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, and Monique Fowler

Executive Members not in attendance: none

Additional attendees: Principal Ureña, PC Janeen Johnson, Ms. Morales

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made to approve June and September minutes.

Motion was second.

Treasurer Report

- annual appeal keeps growing
- balance on 9/14 was 12,192.57; end balance on 9/30 was 14,280.23
- expenses will start ramping up; not allowed to have credit card; members pay for items and get reimbursed via a check
- making sure there is full transparency

Fundraising Committee

Evie stated everything is going great but we can do better. At first PTA general meeting, a fundraising committee was formed. First meeting scheduled on 10/12 at the Whole Foods 2nd floor cafe at 6:30 pm; email blast will be sent. Will discuss fundraising ideas. Another way to help is by volunteering at High School and A&D open houses. Sign up form available.

Principal Report

Principal Manny said progress reports should be in the mail. If not received, contact PC Johnson. After school programs and clubs have started. Next week a tutoring schedule will be emailed. Homework help has started in the library. Sr. parents - graduation is 6/29 at 9am at Hunter College. Sr. award night is 5/21 from 5pm-8pm. The mixer event for Puerto Rico was successful. Donation items were listed in parent newsletter. The receiving organization has been vetted - will send name.

560 out of 1407 lunch forms have been collected. A&D is not a Title 1 school but would like to increase funding; could increase to \$1.1M.

Report cards being mailed 10/26. If your child is struggling, now is the time to help them. Send an email to teacher to set up meeting before the marking period ends.

Parent Teacher Conferences are 11/9 5pm-8pm and 11/10 12:30 - 2:30pm. There is also Tuesdays from 3pm - 5pm.

A&D is currently ranked #5 in art high schools in NYC. We will be ranked higher next year. Thanked parents for such a strong start to the year.

College Career Office - Ms. Morales

Great meeting with College Access for All which is an initiative to get kids ready for college, be more competitive. Office of Post-Secondary Planning has given money to help teachers with getting students college ready, more regents prep, more tutoring, etc, to avoid remedial courses in college. Planning for more college trips. First is 11/7 to Skidmore College - a joint effort with PTA - for 11th graders, some seniors.

Lots going on - FAFSA workshop from NY Cares on 10/28. DACA scholarships email sent; check your junk mail. NYU is sending an intern to work at the college career office. Working on setting up SAT Saturday prep. FAD is helping seniors with how to write college application essays. Register for National Portfolio Day - on website - for 11th and 12th graders. On 11/10 there are +20 colleges coming for 12th graders. College Board website a great resource for parents and students.

Could use parent volunteers to help out in the office.

PSATs usually in October. Instead doing on same day of SAT in March. IEP kids need an assent form signed so as to ensure accommodations for that day.

Extracurricular activities should show consistency - at least 2 years - and alignment. Be well rounded. Schools do not want just good academics, also want good social skills.

By Laws

We are building out Exec board; want all grades represented. By laws voting will be at next General Meeting, 11/3.

Computer Raffle

Ticket drawn: 381368 Winner Michelle Raymie is the winner!

Other Items

Jean: Draw-A-Thon flyers available - grab a few.

Mrs. Johnson: upcoming auditions

Adjournment

Miguel Chavez moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:43pm.

Recording Secretary, Maritza Arroyo
[HS Art & Design PTA]

Date of Approval