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## 9/12/18 Minutes for Art and Design PTA General Meeting

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### Call to Order

A General Membership meeting of Art and Design High School was held on 9/12/18 at the Cafeteria. It began at 6:44 and was presided over by Miguel Chavez, with Frieda Christofides and Jiin Wen as secretary.

### Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Miguel Chavez, Evie Hantzopoulos, Jean Stemm, Frieda Christofides, Gabrielle Gilliam, Nelsa Boyer

Members not in attendance included none

### Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous 6/12/18 meeting was made by a parent and seconded by another parent.

### President Report

Membership is welcomed and Executive Board Introduces itself

### Treasurer Reports

Report Given and handed out. Treasurer explain recent purchases made over the summer, soccer uniforms, sewing kits, Photoville. Explains that membership donation is not mandatory, all parental guardians of students are automatically members of the PTA.

### Pincipal Report

Principal introduces himself and welcome membership and discusses:

- Pupil path account
- Planner will arrive soon, 1 family 1 account for pupil path account
- Curriculum night 9/26 5-8
- Tutoring starts in October
- Clubs starts then too-- just need 10 students and advisor
- Freshmen class # 430 kids largest and most advanced. Walked in with a number of Regents credits.
- 88% graduation rate this past year, up 3% from the year prior.
- College readiness rate went from 38% to 73 % in three year

He addressed the NYPost article on the law suit on a high level without details. Explains his open door policy to all A&D community, students and guardians. Will be happy to discuss this to anyone personally to the extend he is permitted.

The PTA president addressed this issue briefly. The exec board will support the students and the school and will allow the due process take its course. Stay positive. A&D is a special place thanks to Mr U and the school community. PTA Executive Board feels the students should not be brought in to this issue.

### Q & A from membership to Mr U

Parent asked about the English teacher replacements. Continuity and quality are the concerns.

-Another parent asked for the principal to address the group, he cannot but will be open to individual discussion in his office.

- another parent asked about the overseas program that is no longer available. DOE made the process more challenging now than a few years back. DOE protocol has changed and extremely difficult. Affordability is another

question. It takes a year and half to process approval. He school I open to it starting again, but will need teacher and parent volunteers to make it happen.

Principal said he will resume Café Con Manny soon.

## Expedited Election

Nominations for Recording Secretary were taken from the floor. Jiin Wen/Karen Rafael as co-sect and Karen Tenesaca/Jant Baus as co sect.

Jiin W spoke for her group and Karen T for her group. Election proceeded right after. Parent volunteers counted the ballots and Jiin Wen and Karen Rafael are the new PTA Co-Recording Secretary

## Upcoming events

Curriculum Night, Open Houses, High School Fairs and Hospitality Committee were explained and volunteers requested.

## Fundraising

Committee Chair reports on our goals.

Fundraising effort increased over the last few years from went from \$5K 4 years ago to

- 30k in 2016
- 40k in 2017
- hoping for 70k in the current school year.

In the past we have Subsidized freshman art kit, paid for sophomore fashion kits, college trips, club activities, sports uniforms.

## Ways to Help

- join fundraising committee
- auction committee
- we are a 501c-so matching funds from employers, corporate giving
- recurring gifts
- giving Tuesday
- bake sales
- Please help promote the PTA by like our facebook page, sign up for newsletter via our website

## New Business

contact Mr McCalla for team tryouts and contact Mr Johnsons for all other school related questions..

PTA would like new tshirts and is having a contest for a new design from students.

President asks membership from meeting ideas and potential topics that interest them

## Adjournment

Miguel moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:15.the group adjourned to a lively potluck dinner!

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Secretary  
[Organization Name]

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Date of Approval