

POTS Board Meeting MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

POTS Board Meeting

- Tech Reps - *Deanna Raso* and *Cynthia Solis Yi*
- Communications Secretary - *Carmen Lamar Gonzalez Daehler*
- Financial Manager - *Rosalie Erlich*
- Tech Secretary - *Amy Weisenbach*

- AP Technical Theater - *Eli Schreiner*

Welcome

- The meeting started at 6:05pm
- Meeting recording [here](#); passcode: QqUep8%C
- Questions? Email us here: lagshpa.tech@laguardiahspa.org

1. *Welcome and a few misc. updates*

- **SDFs coming up.** Each year the senior Drama studio students put on shows that showcase the seniors. This year there are 3 SDFs: Little Shop of Horrors, Peter and the Starcatcher and The Seagull. This is one of the events we sell Tech Merch at each year, and we need parent volunteers to work each of the performances. Consider volunteering for a show you're already going to be attending - you can help before the show and at intermission. **You can sign up to volunteer [here](#).**
- **Latest tech newsletter [here](#).**

2. *Eli joined us:*

- **USITT a huge success:** We were one of the only high schools there and so people were really excited to work with us. Students made a lot of connections and learned a lot. The program also made a lot of connections that may be able to help us. Hoping we can go next year as well and think we have resources to donate all of the passes. (We also got the passes donated this year.) Trip is for juniors and seniors as they will be able to get the most out of the experience.

Thank you to Patty Carey for spearheading all of the fundraising. It went really well and

ended up not being a huge lift.

Patty: great for students to see what next steps in theater education might look like. They were able to meet people who work full time in theater or run their own businesses.

- **Admissions update:** Unofficially, 600 students applied, but 196 submitted a full application (up from 181 last year). Offers are out, and we are looking for 40 students to accept their offers.
- **Student Handbook coming soon.** In June, I'll be sharing out a student handbook - a living document that will create more transparency about what we do for students and parents. It will have a glossary and helpful guidance on things like "blackout days" and how jobs work, etc.
- **Musical.** Typically the program starts work on the musical now. Auditions are in May/June and the stage management team will be formed. As soon as we come back in September, scenery will start, followed by props, costumes, paint. Electrics is last. (Electrics has some other things going on early in the year, but won't start on the musical until October.)
- **Welcome new families.** 60-100 after school hours per semester working on a show. It sounds like a lot, but it's really not. Accomplished on one show very easily (Build crew: before the show. Run crew: during actual shows). Either one becomes 60-100 hours naturally. For example SDF 2 Run Crew's hours will be 67 hours. Required to do 4 shows over 4 years, including at least one in senior year.

Have gotten some requests to increase the number of Shovels (show hours for observational and valuable educational learning) students are required to do. But for now it's 4 over 4 years.

Only exception to 60-100 hours a semester is Freshmen during the musical. Freshmen can go to work calls, but don't officially have jobs on the musical. Discussed doing a new student overview at a later meeting diving into a lot more detail. Also want to do an in-person meet the teacher event at the start of the school year.

- **SDF Jobs.** There are still a couple of positions open (dresser positions, one fill-in spot op).
- **Taking students to shows.** We've taken students to see 6 shows this year with more still to come! Euridyce is up next - we may do a lottery because we expect it to be in demand.

- **Thanks for sending supplies.** Parents have sent period products, bandaids and snacks - keep 'em coming! Snacks are in demand right now with shows in season - consider donating snacks that are available on our [Amazon wishlist](#). You can send items to the school address: LaGuardia High School Attn: Eli Schreiner 100 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10023
- **Graduation.** At graduation students from some studios perform and each year we've had a tech student make a video. Students who complete their CTE certification, get to wear a cord. And tech students also run the tech for graduation.

3. **Please join us on the POTS Exec Board.**

We would like to invite all of you to consider joining us on the POTS Exec Board. If you have interest in learning more, please reach out to Cynthia or any member of the current POTS board. It's a great opportunity to see behind the scenes and help the program. We meet monthly (with full POTS parents group) and meet with Eli every two weeks. Co-reps also join the PA exec board and regular PA meetings.

Elections will be in May.

We have some graduating parents and two of our board members are running for PA president.

[Here is a list](#) of all of the roles. There are big roles and small roles with different levels of time commitment and flexibility on when you can help. There is also a big role open to be the parent representative for the all school musical - we recommend that a tech parent fill this role.

Two parents raised their hands to explore roles:

- Carrie
- Shelly Xiong

We really need some new folks to join us. We hope you'll consider it.

3. **Next Meeting:**

- Our next POTS meeting is not scheduled yet but stay tuned to SNN or our Whatsapp channel for updates.