



Approved Minutes

02/06/2020 Minutes for Art & Design HS PTA General Meeting

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Evie Hantzopoulos, Maria Larios, Wendy Lehmann, Jiin Wen, Karen Rafael, and Deborah Croland, Barbara Gordon, Ricardo Fernandez, Nelsa Boyer-Madisson

Not in attendance - Karen Tenesaca, Wendy Leonardo and Chevon Scott

Call to Order

A general membership meeting of Art and Design was held on Thursday February 06, 2020 in the Library. It began at 6:30pm and was presided over by Evie Hantzopoulos, with Karen Rafael as recording secretary.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of January 09, 2020 was made by a parent and seconded by another.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer's Report was presented by Wendy Lehmann

All donations that you give, brownies for bake sale goes right back to the students. There are some great funding events coming up.

Hoping to raise quite a bit of money from Fanfairenyc this weekend.

PTA does not use a debit or credit card. We are a check writing organization.

Handed out the interim financial report. .

- Expenses so far: \$6500
- Income so far: \$45K in the last 6 months
- Balance as of today \$29K

Principals Report: I.A. Principal Mr. Re-Sugiura -

No shortage of announcements:

- 1st semester ended -Credit accumulation is on track for 9th grade at 95.8% and 10th grade at 94.9%. Trying to build relationships with the 10th graders. 11th grade credit accumulation is at 83%- Warning sign- all hands on deck.
 - Mentors in residence - teachers selected students that are slightly off track and they meet every other Tuesday. Paired students demonstrated improved academic achievement. Students that are not paired will be paired with National honor society students and meet during their lunch breaks. There will be peer support and adult support so no student is left behind.
- Last year 90.3% was the overall attendance rate at this time. Now we are at 91.3% - Not great, but an improvement. Juniors and Seniors are above 22% absenteeism. Mr. Re-Sugiura spoke to both grades and stressed the importance of attending school. The attendance team will also be meeting with students demonstrating chronic absenteeism or who have a pattern or at risk of chronic absenteeism. Attendance will be monitored. New outreach system called kinvo to reach out to parents also.
- Graduation rate goal is 93% - On track to meet our goal by June. By August we are scheduled to pass our goal to approximately 96.5%.
 - New incentives - Restarting the Bull dog points - created a catalog for the SO store of items that you can redeem. Sending home a PDF form to students, teachers and families. Will be sending reminders to teachers- this is the day to give out bull dog points.
- College now- 10th grade AP ELA classes - 97 students elected to take the January ELA regents. If they got college and career readiness scores, they are eligible to take college now classes sooner. 97 passed, 70 got mastery, 94 got college and career readiness scores. Normally they would've had to wait until Junior year to take this test.
 - 10th grade honors ELA classes will be taking a diagnostic exam. Students who are on track towards college and career readiness will be able to take the test in June. Students, parents and teachers will talk first to discuss what is best.
 - Why take these tests and take College now?
 - Because we have this college partnership for a reason.
 - Cost of college is high
 - Students of color drop out of college at an alarming high rate after the 1st or 2nd year because they take classes they already mastered, wasting their time.
 - We want to provide our students with opportunity
- Updates:
 - Fixed the auditorium screen. Ready for FanfaireNYC

- A&D students dominated the Scholastic competition
 - Gold key winner receive scholarship money
 - Art work will be exhibited at the MET
- Club fair 2 days ago. Fun atmosphere, recruiting went well. There are 25 clubs in the school.
- Sustainability- Opening a vintage store inside the SO store.
 - A store to bring your used garments and trade them in for cash or credit value. Green team will be evaluating the items. There is a possibility that the PTA will fund a washer and dryer which will be used for this initiative and for students in temporary housing who don't have a consistent place to take care of their own clothes. He thanks the PTA in advance if it gets approved.
 - Profit from the vintage store will go to sustainability initiatives for the school- signage, materials for composting, film is making how to videos and proper garbage bins
 - Securing 137K grant from our council member for hydroponics in two of the science classrooms - support our science curriculum for labs- Hands on learning. Understand what you are growing. Long term goal is to grow a variety of plants that produce pigment so students can create their own artistic materials. This won't be able to produce for all students, but it will teach the community about the environmental impact and sustainable art
- Paint a mural in front of the building - cold grey exterior, we are an art school and we want to show off student talent
- Project Redline in partnership with our equity team, greenteam, economic students and Art and Ideas students
 - How can they get students to think about equity and how we learn but what products we create
 - Leverage more student talent
 - Will start to do research in library for the definition, origin, impacts and solutions for environmental racism
 - Also doing research is the economic classes.
 - "Lack of people of color in leadership positions that deal with environmental issues. Policies or laws that uphold racism in the context of how we treat the environment itself. Meaning, laws that are designed unfairly against certain elements of the community."
 - Pollution that is disproportionate to where people of color live.
 - "Kids will be researching this because it is an economic concept and it affects NYC"
 - "Kids will be working in groups of 3 to 4 to create a presentation about the specific manifestation of environmental racism that they see."
 - Then present to another class called art and ideas - these students are going to take the concepts that were researched and begin conceiving murals and an informative website and brochures.
 - There is a garden space in east Harlem, an are affected by Red lining
 - "Red lining is a technique used by financial and government institutions to draw out areas of a map where certain groups of people were not seen as economically powerful and therefore not a good source of long term investment."
 - "Project Redline is designed to integrate our arts by painting murals on tables and a shed in the community garden space."
 - As principal he feels students need more if this interdisciplinary learning. Makes it useful, and visual
 - Students that worked on the project will invite a peer and a staff member to visit the garden when the project begins.
 - This will start now in marking period 2 and end middle of marking period 3
- Partnering with PS 59 5th grade students to create "Pokemon" style game cards
 - 5th grade art students just finished their unit on social justice.
 - An idea was pitched to them to create super heroes based on social justice problems that they see. They agreed and they have created about 90 superheroes called "wokemon"
 - The cartooning and animation majors will take their original concepts and render them out. The cards will be a playable game.
 - Take the card game and distribute it to other high schools in district 2 and to PS 59
 - Trying to put the idea of equity, learning and collaboration in the hands of the students
- Fanfairnyc is coming up. Purchase tickets if you haven't done so.
- Kinvolve - texting program to record attendance. Reached out to the teachers so that they are using it for all periods. Not mandatory, but strongly encouraging the staff to utilize this.
 - Using first point of contact on the blue card
- LU - Received the green light to install power in the gym ceiling. The company has also given the greenlight for the students to help design some of the concepts as well.
 - Motion capture, moving with the students. We are one of a few schools that has this system
- Cohort Z- Incoming freshmen 4000 applicants

- Approximately 410 students accepted.. The number will drop to about 390 students. Next year will be a bit tight, close to 1500 students
- NYU partnership where the Tisch school hosts our film and animation students. Film students will create a one minute PSA that addresses climate change in any context they choose. Animation students will do a 15 second PSA. They will be having a special screening for us on April 22nd at Tisch.
 - Will create a long standing partnership with them and build in a summer program.
 - Pushing them for scholarships specifically for students of Art and Design.

Special Presentation: Mr. Carl Landegger

- A&D's internship coordinator spoke about the internship program for students at Art and Design followed by a Q&A. Hear how the program has placed over 150 students at more than 50 worksites over the past year and counting.

Working papers: Ms. Johnson

- How can students obtain their working papers

Presidents Report - By Evie Hantzopoulos

- Teacher Funding Requests: All funding requests were **approved**
 - Mr. Bencko - museum reimbursement - \$200
 - Mr. Spatarella - Playing cards printing - \$230
 - Ms. McLaughlin - Photoville entry fee -\$1,000
 - Ms. Jimenez - watercolors - \$262.50 -conditional approval
 - Washer/Dryer - \$1,200 - Washes large and Medium loads - this price includes a warranty.
- FanfaireNYC is two days Feb 8-9 2020
 - There is an amazing team. Not only the PTA board. There are other parents like Joann and Miguel, who is a returning parent. Many of you have signed up to volunteer this weekend as well.
 - What is fanfairenyc? The line up this year is incredible. There will be workshops, lightsaber workshops, dungeon and dragons, plus high level industry folks in the comic book universe, in film industry and animation. Come and interact in an intimate setting.
 - Students vendors showcasing their artwork.
 - Open to everyone! Spread the word!
 - Encourage your student to sign up for portfolio reviews
 - Come see the panels. Artists speak about how they got into the business, what they did after college, the challenges. Panels take place both Saturday and Sunday
 - Saturday A&D teachers will be looking at 7th grade student portfolios
- Love an Artist - T-Shirt Fundraiser in full swing. Ends at the end of February.
- Website is being redesigned by a parent- Tatiana. We hope to make the site more user friendly and have all the information that you need on there.

Call for Volunteers:

- Bake sales - The next bake sale is Feb. 14th
 - Please donate baked goods or purchase through Amazon and have it delivered to the school. Volunteer to help set up, sell or clean up. Email will be going out with more information.
- Silent auction - March 9th to 22nd
 - Donate your services, goods, vacation homes, nail salon or restaurant gift cards.
 - We have a \$25 gift card for gourmet popcorn, a night at a hotel, 4 tickets for a sleepover at the museum. Donate anything that you can think of.

Adjournment

Evie Hantzopoulos moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 8:04 pm.

Karen Rafael

Co-Recording Secretary Art & Design HS PTA

Date of Approval