

Parent Teacher Association of Urban Assembly Maker Academy
General Meeting Minutes
June 7th, 2023

Executive Board: Shannon Barber, President, and Carlie Steen, Secretary, in attendance along with attending administrative staff Amy Piller, Principal; Chad Frade, Assistant Principal; and Susan Crowson, Parent Coordinator.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm with a total of 45 attendees.

Translation services were provided in Spanish.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

A vote was held to accept the May meeting minutes into the record. A motion was made by Michelle Moore, seconded by Barbara Varas, and approved unanimously (18 recorded votes).

President's Report/SLT Report

No report was offered as the information discussed will be included in Amy's report.

Treasurer's Report

Standing in temporarily for PTA Treasurer Lorelie Schroeter, Shannon reported that PTA funds remain steady at \$200.98.

The PTA Executive Board will schedule a special meeting prior to the end of the school year to present the final year report and obtain approval of a proposed budget for 2023-2023.

Principal's Report

Amy presented:

- The school is currently in the final marking period that runs through next Tuesday, with final grades due June 16th.
- Attendance for May was 84.3 percent. We outpaced attendance from last year every month!
- The college process continues. Students are working on their college lists and taking trips. More information will be available soon for Juniors to present their "brag sheets" to help their teachers write recommendations.

Chad stated that Melissa continues to have summer employment opportunities available, but they are filling up fast. If you have questions, please reach out to Melissa.

- This Friday is Makers Make the Future Day. Seniors have been doing research projects that highlight their legacy at Maker with a Senior Capstone Symposium. The event will be held on the 9th from 10:00am to 11:00am. Families are invited to attend. Friday will also host the UA Maker Awards ceremony, celebrating the year-long efforts of students

in all grades: for consistent effort, overall achievement, improvement, attendance, sportsmanship, leadership, community, and reflection of Maker's Core Values.

- The last day of classes is scheduled for next Tuesday, the 13th. Report cards, with both grades and Regents scores, will be available for pick up June 27th from 8am to 1pm.

Amy talked about summer school, which will be held at the UA Harbor School on Governors Island. If there's outstanding work due, students will receive calls to schedule appointments to make up work during Regents week. Cross-enrollment at other summer schools locations are possible, but she vouched for the teachers and curriculum at Governor's Island.

Chad shared the Regents schedule, with tests beginning at 9:15am and 1:15pm. Students should only come for that time period of their Regents test, unless invited by teachers (and, if meeting with teachers, they need to arrive before 10am or 2pm). Students are allowed to leave once they're finished with the test.

Amy continued her reports:

- Any student who wants to revise a completed assignment can do so during the marking period, Amy reported. If an assignment wasn't completed during the unit, there should be a way for them to show competency. Students should reach out directly to teachers.
- Graduation is scheduled for June 23rd, beginning at 3pm in the auditorium. It will be live streamed with translators. Practice will occur during Regents week, and a senior dinner will be held on the 16th.
- The school has made improvements on attendance through the attendance policy. Beginning in September, all students will have out lunch, and will continue to be given the privilege with at least 90% attendance and by being on time and present at school. This policy will be extended to the beginning of school as well. They will also be tightening policy around early release.
- There are a lot of events offered in June, and the many dates were discussed. June 12th is prom, Regents span from June 14th to the 21st, and Field Day will be June 26th. Summer School starts Wednesday, July 5th. Any info Amy received from the DOE about the current Air Quality issue will be communicated to parents.

SLT

No report was provided.

Title I Council Report

Michelle thanked Shannon for her service, and Susan Crowson for her help. The College Readiness for lower grades and the book club/reading around restorative justice are still in the works. They will most likely occur during the summer. She will continue to work on it.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

A parent asked if the school was planning to offer arts or music activities or some type of performance. Chad reported that a music club meets on Tuesdays. The big items this year include the awards ceremony, the legacy project, and field day.

There is no school tomorrow, the 8th, but school is in session on Friday the 9th.

Field Day is on June 26th. It is technically a school day. An alternative event will be planned as well.

A parent asked if the Legacy Project would be documented. Amy said it will be recorded and compiled to share.

Many parents thanked Shannon for serving as president this year, and for her three years of Exec Board service.

Amy thanked everyone for showing up at the monthly meetings.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for September. Dates for that meeting and the calendar for the year will be distributed to parents as soon as it is available.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm