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Parent Teacher Association

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General Board Minutes

Tuesday June 9, 2015 7pm

Committee Chairs

Mark Grinnell, *Communications*
David J. Shapiro, *College Readiness*
Bill Gerstel, *Fundraising*

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Principal's Report: a Big thank you to all PTA members that helped make it such a wonderful year. We're wrapping up on Friday. Monday there is school but there will be Field Day sponsored by seniors. Upper Class Intersession Expo will start Thursday with an art show in black box. Dance performance, Ethics bowl, film, gym will have other classes. Selling copies of Superheros.....10th graders will be reading from their excerpts. Short ceremony for awards for 9th grade.

Danielle talked about a potential change in school schedule for next year. She would like to shift to a block schedule allowing for more time for teachers to have students work on longer projects in the classroom. They are also looking into changing the school day. Tentative idea would be to have classes on Monday-Thursday from 830-330 then early dismissal on Fridays @ 1240pm Changes to planning time as well.

Learning Environment Survey (the green envelope): final results haven't been completed yet. Ms. Houlihan has been out for awhile. Parents asked if we can get the aggregated list of where seniors are going following graduation.

President's Report: Ann Marie: reflection....been an interesting year. Thank you to so many that righted the PTA. We restructured the by laws --Robin and Caroline. Book Fair...step up for Book Fair fundraising. David...party at his house to get scholarships. SAT prep course Third year in a row providing SAT prep. College Panel---it was great. Bus trips how did they go? Auction: Yea, Maria. Susan and the weekly update initiative.

Fun "d" Raising: Bill Gerstel reported that the auction netted approximately \$4,500. A huge thank you to Danny Sanchez for all of his hard work. Danny is big brother to Andy '16 and Benny '18

Treasurers Report: 22,000 against Scholarships for SAT and registration for CUNY applications. Since May 31st Pay pal, deposit, spirit wear..... One expense from Auction may be still out. And Senior Legacy Gift: Signage plan. PTA may be giving around \$1500 toward the signage gift. Double Match. 31,000 balance
Minutes: May 12th minutes passed

Communications: Mark Grinnell reports: Thank you to Robin Burchill who updated PTA website. YEA!!!!!!! Translate button is on the site to help with our bi-lingual families.

CRC: Reports from SAT was really mixed. Is it our best use of the funds, to sponsor SAT prep? Prep course was \$437 per student. CRC/PTA paid for about 10 scholarships? Rethinking how we use our test prep? Bus trips to colleges? There was a trip to Bucknell and Sarah Lawrence.

SLT Report: Maria Hartman reported on SLT. Started late (November) School safety issue, Maria Hartman at Community Precinct. Helen Rosenthal doesn't want scanners in the school. So she won't help get them fix. Suggest to Helen's office that she help get them fixed and then she can maybe assist with getting them out of the campus. Success Academy tied us into incident reports. Non working water fountains. Success Academy is helping to getting ours fixed. Cameras? Question of updating the camera system. Danielle wants to rethink Parent Involvement vs Engagement (Social media tools, (parents Constant Contact) Class Reps?

Block period or double periods.

9th grade parent orientation Need a microphone. PTA will sponsor \$250. For mic and stand.
PTA website is awesome.
School website needs upgrade. A sit down about website Paper, email, electronic,

Parents still having concerns with the lack of Regents prep and the lack of communication between those with questions on the subject.

Nominating Committee:

Mark and Caroline: Mary Manhardt resigned from the SLT. So following the voting for Executive Board, we will take nominations for 2 2-year terms for SLT.
Nominations have been normal:

President: Robin Kleuber
Vice President: Bill Gerstel
Co-Treasurer: Sue Graef, and Kristin Joo
Co-Secretary: Robin Burchill, Susan Crowson

Vanessa Alba made a motion to accept the uncontested slate. The slate was unanimously accepted.

SLT Class of '17: Susan Crowson, Ann Marie Foss. Other parent reps: PTA President Robin Kleuber CORE, and Maria Hartman '16

Committees looking for chairs: Fundraising, Communications, CRC, Audit, Budget. Chairs should be announced following the Executive Board meeting.

Other: Lockers can't be put into hallways, Parents looked at issues of kids needing lockers but not sure how or where they can be put. Spirit wear income 700.00 We welcomed 2 incoming freshman parents.

Move to adjourn to Fred's.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ashland Crowson
Co-Secretary