

## **PPAS PTA Meeting 2005-06-18**

### **In-person Attendees**

1. Kelli Maguire
2. Wendy Estrada
3. Laura Boschetti
4. Debbie Greenwald
5. Shawn Dell
6. Ruth Hawkins
7. Kelly Heisler
8. Leslie Hendricks
9. Lynn Stirrup
10. Jennifer Whipple
11. Eric Whipple
12. Danielle Soares
13. Dannielle Kojic
14. Mary Dennis
15. Donna Dukes
16. Tiffany Ellis Butts
17. Mar Fitzgerald
18. Gwen Kingsberry
19. Andrea Scott
20. Leah Dyer
21. Marisa Osorio
22. Elizabeth Elsass
23. Ketsia Poitevien
24. Deborah Weitz
25. Dan Weitz
26. Jeff Cavalli
27. Yanet Cruz
28. Maryanne Kimes
29. Teri Gindi
30. Melissa Ellis
31. Jodie Loverro

### **Call to Order**

Shawn Dell called the meeting to order

**Review of Minutes:** Waived by unanimous vote

### **Month in Review**

June was a busy month! So many activities and more to come:

- Alvin Ailey spring concert
- “Company” musical
- MYB, BAE and SAB ballet performances
- Jason Robert Brown Cabaret (MT2)
- Public Policy Expo with Superintendent Gary Beidleman and legislators Tony Simone and Nadia Velazquez in attendance
- National Chorale vocal soiree
- “Gloria” play
- “12 Angry Jurors” play
- Middle School Spring Concert “That 60s Show”
- Manhattan Youth “Puffs” play
- 8th grade and senior prom
- Senior breakfast

Upcoming: 8th grade stepping up at 10am and high school graduation at 3pm on Thursday, June 26

### **Budget Vote**

- Shawn Dell put budget motion to adopt 2025-2026 budget on the floor
- Jeff Cavalli seconded
- Vote passes with unanimous vote

### **Musical Theater Delegate Vote**

Uncontested - no vote needed; Ketsia Poiteuren and Deborah Weitz will be the new delegates

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Budget will be finalized by June 30
- GoFundMe still open - \$671 was applied to misc.
- Gala netted \$17,000
- Alumni Coalition deferred part of its \$6K donation
- \$44,794 profit with \$38,000 to be withdrawn for expenses (\$7K “profit”)
- Remaining food budget will roll over
- Expenses still to come - senior breakfast, senior prom
- Question about Middle School 50/50 raffle \$490 (in the first line as an unspecified item)
- Next year prom deposit already paid
- Continuing to build buffer back up after Covid (\$26K rolled over last year)
- Question about bringing new expense to PTA (eg. audio for performances - information to be presented to new Executive Board)
- Wait until January to review any budget spend (see how things are going without outgoing senior parent monetary support)
- Process for bringing new events and fundraisers in the new year - go through principal and get approval, then bring to Executive Board

- Raising money for MainStage - needs to involve Jeff Statile; considered a separate project (not PTA)
- Question about \$10K equipment video camera - PTA paid B&H directly; Principal Dyer provided more context (see below)
- Question about where the recorded performances are archived or made available to parents - every production has different rights and not all students have signed releases (an effort to encourage families to sign waivers in the fall was suggested - also at orientation)
- Flower sales better than expected
- Mention of Bylaws review this summer
- Effort to reach new audiences via delegates was mentioned for next year

### **Principal Dyer's Report**

- 125 new high school students admitted to PPAS for 2025-26
- 33 new students in middle school next year
- Regents results - incredible!
- Thanks to outgoing Executive Board and welcome to incoming board members
- Discussion about film camera and importance of professional equipment to be used beyond Film Department
- New website company could potentially create a platform to house videos (instead of posting them on YouTube)
- Keep in mind PPAS is a smaller school with reduced resources
- Suggestion for release forms to be signed at beginning of the year for students cast in all productions
- Mention of importance of video to show performances to the public to enhance PPAS' reputation beyond those who attend PPAS
- Question about \$632,000 grant from the state (via Tony Simone). It has been processed by the school - Principal Dyer is negotiating with the state when it would be added to budget; it's a slower process - still need to determine lump sum or over time; there is another \$100,000 additional in funding - Principal Dyer requested it over time for staff and additional teachers; reduced classroom funding was applied for; new donation coming in - TBD for now
- Principal Dyer's overall goal is to be more sustainable in the future
- Mention of anonymous donations that are made throughout the year as well

### **President's Report**

Thanks to outgoing senior parents serving on the current Executive Board:

- Debbie Greenwald
- Donna Dukes
- Marisa Osorio
- Neal Sofge
- Yanet Cruz
- Jodie Loverro

- Eugenia Edwards
- Sharon Medina
- Mildred Alcaide
- Melissa Ellis
- Leslie Hendricks
- Erin Clancy Balsamo (senior daughter Ruby is graduating but Erin's staying on the Executive Board as her son Hudson is entering 8th grade)
- Shawn Dell

Introduction of new Executive Board:

- Co-Presidents: Raven Catlin and Ruth Hawkins
- Treasurer: Laura Boschetti Bonilla
- Recording Secretary: Erin Clancy Balsamo
- VP of Membership: Mary Dennis
- Co VPs of Fundraising: Danielle Kojic-Tingwell and Lynn Stirrup
- Co-VPs of Communications: Linnie Belcher and Kelly Heisler
- Co-Cultural Delegates: Janvieve Williams Comrie and Ejim Dike
- Dance Delegate: Kristen Palmieri and Wendy Estrada
- Co-Drama Delegates: Jeff Cavalli and Elizabeth Elsass
- Co-Middle School Delegates: Kimbirdlee Fadner and Danielle Soares
- Co-Musical Theater Delegates: Ketsia Poitevien and Deborah Weitz
- Senior Delegate: Jessica Delorenzo
- Vocal Delegate: Gwendolyn Kingsberry
- Film Delegate: Leah Zepel

Jimmy Awards screening - Teri Gindi will host a gathering in Black Box on Monday night, June 23 to screen the awards; PPAS student and Jimmy Awards Nominee Gloria Manning will perform

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