

Stuyvesant High School - School Leadership Team - Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022 - Principal's Conference Room

Administration	Faculty	Parents	Students
Seung C. Yu (Principal)	Samantha Daves (UFT Chapter Leader)	Laura Parkin (PA Co-President)	Ryan Lee (SU President)
Gary Haber (CSA)	Deame Hua (UFT)	Miaona Zheng (Senior Rep)	Amanda Cissé (SU Vice President)
Casey Pedrick (CSA)	Sandra Brandan (Substitute for UFT)	Xiao-Xiao Wong (Senior Alternate Rep)	Kyle Hon Chan (SLT Rep)
	Dina Ingram (Substitute for DC 37)	Sophie Zhuang (Junior Rep)	
		Melissa Lee (Junior Rep)	
		Glenn Wang (Sophomore Rep)	
		Anu Agrawal (Sophomore Alternate Rep)	
		Chien Kwok (Freshman Rep)	

2 observers were in attendance.

Facilitator: Casey Pedrick (CSA)

Secretary: Kyle Hon Chan (SLT Rep)

The meeting was called to order at 3:53 PM.

Introductions and Norms:

Principal Yu: We want to hear and listen to one another, and be receptive to advocacy and inquiry. Be curious! Ask questions! Be open-minded, hear, contribute, and be kind to one another!

Approval of June Minutes:

- 2 typos were corrected, and minutes were approved at 4:06 PM.

Bylaw Adjustments:

- Ms. Agrawal suggested an amendment to Article II, regarding the school's mission. Mr. Ryan Lee seconded, and the improvement was accepted.
- Ms. Daves proposed a subcommittee to refine and further adjust the SLT bylaws. Ms. Parkin seconded, and the subcommittee was formed, consisting of Ms. Daves, Principal Yu, Ms. Ingram, Ms. Agrawal, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Chan.
 - Anyone interested in joining may contact Mr. Chan.

Confirming Meeting Dates:

- Ms. Ingram motioned to move the March 28th meeting to March 21st.
- Mr. Kwok motioned to move the January 23rd meeting to January 24th.
- Ms. Parkin motioned to move the June 13th meeting to June 6th.
 - All three motions were approved.

Confirmed Meeting dates for the '22-'23 SLT School Year:

10/25/22 | 11/22/22 | 12/20/22 | 1/24/23 | 2/28/23 | 3/28/23 | 4/25/23 | 5/23/23 | 6/13/23

Month	Facilitator	Secretary
September	Casey Pedrick	Kyle Hon Chan
October	Miaona Zheng	Melissa Lee
November	Ryan Lee	Patrick Sunwoo
December	Deame Hua	Dr. Gary Haber
January	Dr. Seung Yu	Sophia Zhuang
February	Glenn Wang	Amanda Cissé
March	Amanda Cissé	Patrick Sunwoo
April	Denisa Khondi	Dr. Gary Haber
May	Casey Pedrick	Chien Kwok

June	Laura Parkin	Kyle Hon Chan
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Selecting the SLT Chair:

- Ryan Lee said that he liked last year's Co-Chair model, and would like to be a part of that. Dr. Gary Haber concurred.
- Ms. Zhuang nominated Ms. Parkin, but she politely declined.
- Ms. Deame Hua volunteered to be a Co-Chair.
- The SLT approved, so Ms. Hua and Mr. Lee are the Co-Chairs for the '22-'23 SLT.

Updates:

Principal's Update:

- Principal Yu talked about how new COVID protocols are coming in from the DOE and how we are still following them.
 - Mandates for vaccines for high-contact sports and extracurricular activities have been lifted, and we are doing our best to make sure that activities stay safe and open.
- Principal Yu talked about our low projected funding this year, with a preliminary budget of only \$800,000 - \$900,000. We have 3,363 students this year.
- We are also trying to hire as many more new staff as possible to account for staff on leave and the new smaller class sizes.
 - Ms. Brandon asked if smaller class sizes (25 per class from the DOE) will affect enrollment.
 - Principal Yu said it shouldn't, and we're working hard to make sure that class spaces and staff are appropriate when the time comes.
 - Mr. Kwok asked why projections for this year are so low.
 - Principal Yu responded that the data is based on previous years, and not helped by the DOE budget cuts.
- Principal Yu emphasized a focus on infrastructure this year, including improvements to the auditorium lighting, robotics lab, and media lab
- Principal Yu also talked about moving to a new gradebook, Jupiter Grades, this year.

Staff Update:

- Staff has been working hard to ensure that office hours for quarantined children are available if they are out for 2 or more days.
- Staff are trying to accommodate students as best as they can.

Parents Update:

- Ms. Parkin talked about the new, strong PA Leadership and Executive Board, with thanks to last year's Co-Presidents, Connie Hsu and Alex Shafran.

- Started the PA Year off strong: Camp Stuy had a record number of parent volunteers (74), the PA has 19 committees running, and 12 freshmen parents were selected!
- Ms. Parkin talked about how the PA will spend \$774,000 on the school this year, not including an extra \$37,800 for the IT systems.
- Revenue has ramped up, and donations are a week ahead of last year, and two weeks ahead of two years ago.
- The PA is trying to expand outreach with different communities and committees.
 - Ms. Brandan thanked the PA for their efforts and shouted out MOSAIC, Stuy's BIPOC community.

Student Update:

- Ryan Lee talked about the Club Pub Fair that was set for 9/21 - 9/23 from 4 PM - 6 PM.
 - Over 700 students have signed up to see the fair and explore the over 170 clubs that will showcase themselves.
- Ryan Lee talked about the SU progress during the summer:
 - The Executive Council and Cabinet were formed, and members are being selected.
 - The SU has been hard at work sharing college resources for the seniors as well.
- Amanda Cissé talked about the merch competition we have open for this year's Stuyvesant design.

Key Priorities for the Year:

- Principal Yu said that our utmost priority this year is what's happening inside of the classroom and preparing students for the real world, like with our new Personal Finance class.
- Principal Yu also wanted to emphasize professional development, making it more intentional and consistent across departments, and having an "uncomfortable comfort" in our classes where all students can be comfortable and safe, yet still be pushed outside of their comfort zones.
- Principal Yu also wants to expand social-emotional learning, making every kid feel seen.
 - Every interaction should be transformational instead of transactional.

Mr. Kwok said there should be a wider variety of classes, like music composition classes so that students can explore their creativity.

Ms. Zheng said that it was too hard to get into AP classes, and hard workers should be rewarded.

- Dr. Yu said that he wants students to find a balance between APs and electives, and what makes Stuy great is that it offers a breadth of courses to Stuy students.

Ms. Pedrick motioned to form a homeroom planning subcommittee, and it was approved. The subcommittee will be composed of Ms. Pedrick, Ms. Daves, Ms. Ingram, Ms. Lee, Ms. Agrawal, and Mr. Chan.

- Anyone interested in joining may contact Ms. Pedrick.

No observer comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm. The next meeting will be on October 25th, 2022, at 3:45 PM in the Principal's Conference Room.