

MINUTES FROM GENERAL MEMBERSHIP VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMY OF AMERICAN STUDIES PTA

Date: April 29, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Executive Board:

Yolanda Odio-Tasso, President
Rosina Morales, Recording Secretary
Lana Perez, Treasurer

School Staff:

William Bassell, Principal
Mark Solkoff, Assistant Principal
Julia Tzortzatos, Assistant Principal

CALL TO ORDER/NEW BUSINESS: *Yolanda Tasso virtually called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.*

- Welcome
- Senior scholarships
- Approval of minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Lana Perez*

- PTA balance on 4/29/2020: \$2,227.41

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: *William Bassell*

- Discussed remote learning and the effects of COVID on the Academy families
- Called this moment Academy's finest hour with how teachers and administration came together quickly
- Asked for parents to run for PTA positions
- Listed as US News and World Report's list of best high schools in the country, #43/446 in NYC, #1449 Nationally
- Construction on the new building to resume soon if not already
- Ms. Tzortzatos is the new Assistant Principal, Social Studies
- Working on alternatives for Prom and Graduation

PRESENTATION:

Questions from Parents answered by Mr. Bassell

- Discussed the new grading system for the DOE announced by Chancellor Carranza
- Discussed Regents being waived for this year
- Discussed troubles with planning an event for seniors in June with the COVID restrictions
- Possible refunds of senior dues, after they are back in the building
- Discussed how parents are helping their kids cope during the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT: *adjourned around 6:15 p.m.*

Thank you for joining us tonight!