

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

Date: May 27, 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
Nina Cohen, Assistant Principal
Brian Mayer, Assistant 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

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Lana Perez*

- PTA balance on 5/27/2020: \$2,224.41

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: *William Bassell*

- Senior packages will be given out to students. Senior parents will be helping distribute and a banner displaying the senior photos to place on the gate of the school. Professional company will be creating a virtual graduation, DOE will allow schools to spend the funds on a virtual graduation
- DOE states the budget will be poor for next year, Bassell believes we will be okay, will have a large enrollment, not force them to cut support staff hours or let staff go. DOE will be cutting funds from schools that get more funding
- Building construction was supposed to begin May 15. Still on target to open September 2021
- No one will fail a class this year, if the student doesn't receive at least a 65, the student will receive an NX (incomplete) and have the opportunity to get full credit over the summer or fall through January 2021
- If a graduating senior gets an NX in a course not required, they will change to an NC (no credit) so they will graduate with a completed transcript. After grades are issued, guardians can request to have a numerical grade changed to CR to indicate credit. More info to follow. Will be a virtual summer school. Details pending.
- Mr. Mayer & Mr. Solkoff leads an outreach team, school aids, secretaries, teaching staff, guidance counselors, when they learn about a student being impacted in some way, they follow up personally so they don't lose anyone. They assisted a student's younger sibling get in contact with their middle school to obtain a DOE laptop.
- Diplomas will be given out when school opens. Can receive a certified transcript
- *Ms. Cohen* - Superintendent virtually visited two 10th grade English Classes today
- *Ms. Tzortzatos* - schedule to organize senior items. Some kids made it into the National History Scholar Society.
- *Mr. Mayer* - outreach team is spectacular, feedback is heartwarming.
- *Mr. Solkoff* - virtual award ceremony & honor society, will be pre recorded

PRESENTATION:

Questions from Parents answered by Mr. Bassell

- Can Community service requirements can be lowered or waived for next year, Bassell & Solkoff responded that the decision will be considered next school year, safety first
- How would submitting community service now be beneficial to the students if the requirement is waived, Solkoff responded it **may** be listed on the transcript.
- How many hours are needed for honor society? Solkoff respond additional 25 hours are required
- What happens with SAT for kids taking them in September? Solkoff - check college board website

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PTA NOMINATIONS *Yolanda Tasso & Rosina Morales*

President:

Julie Sammon
Wilfredo Reynaud

Treasurer:
Ted Krekoukas

Secretary:

Karla Jacome

ADJOURNMENT: *adjourned around 6:00 p.m.*

Thank you for joining us tonight!