



LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



Dear Stuyvesant Community,

Greetings! On behalf of the Parents' Association Executive Board (PA EB), we would like to extend sincere best wishes to you and your family for a productive and rewarding school year. Over the summer, members of the EB held informal meetings to begin thinking about the challenges ahead and to prepare ourselves to serve you and the broader school community. One of the prime goals of the PA is to encourage our membership to play an active role in their students' school lives. To accomplish this, we must maintain strong communication links with our members in order to provide a myriad of opportunities to support and enjoy all manner of activities at Stuyvesant. In order for us to share relevant information and critical updates with your family, you must do your part by making sure you receive and read our monthly newsletter, the Bulletin, as well as our weekly e-mails. Don't get cut off! Important details about receiving the PA Bulletin via postal delivery and how to sign up for e-mail listserv notices follow on page 6. Take every opportunity to attend PA meetings and school events, such as parent/teacher conferences, theatrical performances, concerts, sporting events, lectures and presentations. You won't regret it, and they will enrich your family's years at Stuyvesant.

School Budget

There is so much to look forward to, yet we also recognize that it will be a potentially challenging year for our academic community. The national economic crisis and subsequent budget deficits that our state and city governments must contend with have already resulted in substantial cuts to public education. Stuyvesant has certainly not been spared from the budget axe. Principal Teitel and our School Leadership Team (SLT) will be meeting to discuss school budget cuts that have already been made and additional cuts that are in the pipeline. Similar to all city agencies, the Department of Education (DOE) was asked to come up with programs that could be eliminated to help reduce the budget gap. Although the city later received a big chunk of stimulus funding from the federal government, and some of it may trickle down to the DOE, we are not sure at this point what is going to happen with the programs that have already been placed on the chopping block – programs such as elective classes and extracurricular

activities, including funding for all faculty advisors serving student teams and clubs. The potential impacted areas include: Math Team, Speech & Debate, the Spectator, Korean and Hebrew language classes, guidance counselors, college advisement and much more. It is strongly recommended that you attend our September 22 PA General Meeting to hear, firsthand, what cuts have been made and what looms ahead if further budget reductions are forced upon us by City Hall. Most importantly, we need you to learn about the proactive steps we must take together to deal with the fiscal crisis and support the school.

What You Can Do

We are confident that with the assistance of our members, and working closely with the school administration, Student Union and Alumni Association, we can maintain high quality education with the outstanding enrichment programs that

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exist at Stuyvesant. There is much to be done, and we are actively seeking your assistance. Get informed, volunteer and give as generously as you can.

Stay Informed

Attend monthly PA General Meetings and special events. The meetings are designed with parent needs in mind and start at 7:00 p.m. Our monthly presentations (General Meeting Programs) help keep you informed about all aspects of school life – academics, extracurricular activities, college admissions and financial aid. Notices of meeting agendas and programs are sent out via e-mail to the PA listserv (make sure you are signed up!) and are posted on our Web site. Please see the full 2009-2010 schedule of PA and EB meetings on page 2. Parent/Teacher Conferences, Open School, plays, concerts, lectures and sporting events are organized throughout the year. Notices are published in the PA Bulletin and posted on both the school (www.stuy.edu) and PA (www.stuy-pa.org) Web sites.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I would like to extend a resounding welcome to our returning parents and a hearty benvenuto to our new parents who are joining the Stuyvesant community this year. On Wednesday, September 2, Ms. Archie hosted a very successful Freshman Parent Orientation which many parents attended.

As many of you have read, all schools have had to sustain about a 4% budget cut over last year. We have done our very best to limit the impact of this cut on classroom instruction. Some electives have been eliminated, as well as some support staff.

Last year I instituted mandatory Academic Intervention Services (AIS) tutoring for those students who were not successful in all their classes. I will continue with this policy to provide help for students in need.

At this time the Student Union is planning a dance on Friday, September 25 for freshmen and their Big Sibs. Please allow your child to attend.

The first Parents' Association General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 22. I hope to meet and greet many of you at that time.

As always, I wish all of us a successful school year.

Sincerely,

—Stan Teitel

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# 2009-2010 CALENDAR

Sept 22	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Sept 22	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Sept 28	Mon	Yom Kippur – No School
Oct 6	Tues	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Oct 12	Mon	Columbus Day – No School
Oct 15	Thu	College Financial Planning Seminar
Oct 20	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Oct 20	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Oct 29	Thu evening	Parent/Teacher Conference
Oct 30	Fri afternoon	Parent/Teacher Conference
Nov 3	Tue	Election Day – No School
Nov 5	Thu	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Nov 11	Wed	Veterans Day – No School
Nov 17	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Nov 17	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Nov 26 - 27	Thu - Fri	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
Dec 1	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Dec 15	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Dec 15	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Dec 24 - Jan 3	Thu - Sun	Winter Recess – No School
Jan 4	Mon	School Resumes
Jan 5	Tue	PA Executive Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Jan 18	Mon	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Jan 19	Tue	SLT Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Jan 19	Tue	PA General Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

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Attendance: Carol Carrano	2031
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Biology: Elizabeth Fong	7011
English: Eric Grossman	6011
Health & PE: Martha Singer	5010
Social Studies: Jennifer Suri	3021
Chemistry/Physics: Scott Thomas	9010
World Languages: Arlene Ubieta	5021
Music/Art/Tech: Ray Wheeler	1321
Guidance: Eleanor Archie	1031
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Jay Biegelson	2385
Greg DiMasi	2367
Jennifer Engler	2368
Undine Guthrie	2361
Meredith Negrin	2364
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Shakira Rajwant	2363
Holly Richmond	2362
Marcy Viboch	2386
Jeremy Wang	2387

## PA EXECUTIVE BOARD SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS *by Lee Levitt*

*The Executive Board (EB) of the Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association met during the summer for two informal planning sessions. Although no votes were cast and no decisions were made, it gave the EB members the opportunity to meet one another and begin working with the newly elected EB leadership. Below are some highlights:*

- PA Co-President Larry Wood brought up the issue of whether we could raise new money for use in this budget year in addition to our practice of fund-raising in the current school year for next year's needs. We will explore the possibilities in light of the school budget crisis and where funds may be needed immediately. Larry also explained that there could be further budget cuts on the horizon as Governor Patterson may choose to call the State Legislature into special session and is likely to cut education spending. At the PA leadership transition meeting held in July, Principal Teitel had mentioned that he was forced to eliminate all faculty advisors from the budget in an effort to save \$130,000 of the \$400,000 being cut from Stuyvesant High School. Members at the meeting considered whether it was feasible for the Parents' Association to pay for these advisors in order to allow clubs such as Speech & Debate to remain operative. It was also stated that the Science Department needs additional financial support, and that the funding would be used to pursue Intel prizes beginning in the freshman year, instead of waiting for the junior year to begin. The number of Stuyvesant Intel semi-finalists has declined by half in recent years, which impacts negatively on the reputation of the school; this decline has accompanied a general decrease in our *US News and World Report* national ranking, which fell from 15 to 23 in the last year. Allowing our clubs to deteriorate because of lack of funding could only exacerbate the problem. Also, it was stated that the Math Team has been disbanded due to the budget cuts.
- PA Co-President Alex Cai announced that for the next EB meeting in September he is working on a presentation about the PA's finances and procedures. It will include an overview of past spending practices and priorities. He hopes to generate reports to illustrate how much money the PA has spent

in various areas including administration, communications, extracurricular activities and more. He also pointed out that the EB may ask the membership to approve some adjustments to the 2009-10 budget based upon his findings.

- The PA Executive Board is seeking to increase involvement and restore many committees in accordance with the existing Bylaws. We also need to revise the PA Bylaws to address our changing needs. Co-President Larry Wood made a general review of all committees and it was agreed that we need to identify and recruit more people. It was suggested that the Fund-raising Committee be co-chaired, and that the College Committee function as a regular committee.

*The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 6, in the Principal's Conference Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. All PA members are invited to attend.*

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# NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM POSITIONS

by Bruce Hood

At the beginning of each school year, the PA elects members-at-large from each class and School Leadership Team (SLT) representatives from the freshman class. The positions to be filled are:

- Ten (10) members at large: one (1) from the senior class, one (1) from the junior class, three (3) from the sophomore class, and five (5) from the freshman class.
- One (1) freshman parent delegate to the School Leadership Team (SLT), with the runner-up serving as an alternate delegate.

NOMINATIONS FOR THESE POSITIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR AT THE SEPTEMBER 22 GENERAL PA MEETING. Nominations will be closed by the conclusion of the meeting and may not be reopened.

To validate a floor nomination, each candidate must complete a form listing full name, telephone number, address and child's name and grade, and hand this form to the PA election officials by the conclusion of the September General Meeting. THE PA MEMBERSHIP WILL VOTE ON THESE POSITIONS AT THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING.

If you have any questions on these procedures, please contact Bruce Hood at [bhood@wiggin.com](mailto:bhood@wiggin.com) or (212) 551-2604.

**See the Candidate Nomination Form on page 4.**

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS TO BE FILLED AT OCTOBER MEETING *by Bruce Hood*

Much of the work of the Parents' Association is planned and implemented by its Executive Board. Although most Executive Board positions are filled either during the spring election or by presidential appointment, 11 of the 23 elected positions are always voted upon at the October PA meeting.

This is a wonderful opportunity for freshman parents, as well as returning sophomore, junior, and senior parents, to get involved in the PA by running for one of these positions. The elections will take place at the October PA General Meeting. However, nominations for candidates will only be taken from the floor at the September PA General Meeting. Nominations must be validated by handing in the nomination form printed in this *Bulletin* (also available on the PA Web site) to election officials by the conclusion of the meeting. A list of the nominated candidates will be posted on the PA Web site and sent out on the listserv immediately after the closing of nominations and will appear in the October issue of the *Bulletin*.

The membership will vote on these positions at the October 2009 PA General Meeting. Candidates will be required to give a brief speech (30 seconds). The ballot box will open at 7:00 p.m. and will remain open until 9:00 p.m. or the close of the meeting, whichever is earlier. The positions to be filled in the October election are: 10 members-at-large (one senior, one junior, three sophomore, five freshmen); and one freshman parent delegate to the School Leadership Team (SLT), with the runner-up serving as an alternate. Members-at-large represent their grade on the PA Executive Board.

This year, the Executive Board will usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month (please refer to the Calendar on page 2 of this issue). Meetings take place at the school, start at 6:30 p.m. and last approximately two hours. In addition to attending Executive Board meetings, members-at-large are expected to attend the monthly PA General Meetings, usually held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., as well as the half-hour "hospitality" session that precedes each General Meeting. To fulfill their role as class representatives, members-at-large should solicit comments and concerns from parents of their constituent class and report that information to

the Executive Board. They also are expected to be actively involved in at least one PA committee of their choosing and may be called upon to assist in the performance of any necessary PA work.

The SLT is the only forum where parents, students, faculty and administrators meet together to discuss issues confronting the school. The SLT is charged with developing a Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) for the school, developing a budget/staffing plan in support of the CEP, and reviewing the plan's effectiveness. There are seven parent delegates and four alternates on the SLT. Delegates and alternates are expected to attend all meetings, although alternates do not vote unless their corresponding class delegate is absent. The SLT parent delegates and alternates are: (i) the president (or one of the co-presidents) of the PA; (ii) one senior parent delegate and one alternate; (iii) two junior parent delegates and one alternate; (iv) two sophomore parent delegates and one alternate; and (v) one freshman parent delegate and one alternate.

All of the delegates and alternates are elected in the spring, except for the freshman delegate and alternate, who are elected at the October PA General Meeting. SLT meetings are usually held between 3:15 and 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, immediately before the PA Executive Board meetings; however, additional SLT meetings may be scheduled, and SLT delegates and alternates may also be asked to serve on subcommittees, which hold separate meetings.

Parent SLT delegates and alternates are voting members of the PA Executive Board and are expected to attend all Executive Board and PA General Membership meetings, in addition to the SLT meetings. Currently, each SLT delegate and his/her corresponding alternate hold a single Executive Board position, and alternates may not vote unless the class delegate is absent.

Parents who would like additional information about the Executive Board, the SLT or the election may contact Bruce Hood at [bhood@wiggin.com](mailto:bhood@wiggin.com) or at (212) 551-2604.

# PRINCIPAL ADDRESSES BUDGET CONCERNS AT THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING *by Lee Levitt*

The June PA General Meeting featured a presentation by Principal Teitel in a town hall-style format. Questions from the audience addressed a range of topics; however, much of the meeting pertained to budget cuts and how the school will be affected in the 2009-2010 academic year. Mr. Teitel began the program session by making three points: the first is that he wished to thank all of the senior parents for their support; the second is that the school is only chaperoning one party, which is the Senior Prom, to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. He stated that he is responsible for the kids from 8 p.m., when they arrive at the Waldorf, until 1 a.m., when they leave. And his third point is that he is not planning to retire anytime soon.

A more somber tone filled the room as Mr. Teitel described the \$400,000 in budget cuts expected to go into effect in September while the school is simultaneously being forced to take on many more students. Mr. Teitel explained that the only thing that the school does not fund is sports, which is funded by the Public School Athletic League (PSAL). Although our budget had already taken a hit over the past year to the tune of \$304,000, he had not been forced to make major changes. But that will soon change; as Mr. Teitel stated, "We will have to make cuts."

A question was raised from the audience: "What are the chances that we might get cut more?" Mr. Teitel responded, saying that last year "when our budget was cut, we received an e-mail at 6 p.m., and at midnight, it was gone...that's what worries me. Those kinds of things I have no control of; I cannot stop the mayor if he needs the money."

The next question was, "So what is going to be cut?" Mr. Teitel explained that Math Team in the morning for freshmen is on the line, and probably will not be able to continue. Teachers will be encouraged to use comp. time which will benefit the school and allow them to do other things. There was a request for an additional dean that is now off the table. Electives will cer-

tainly be affected. According to Mr. Teitel, he cannot touch anything that fits into the state's mandated curriculum, and he is not prepared to compromise the Stuyvesant requirements. Mr. Teitel went on to say that there will still be plenty of electives, but that there may be cuts to the foreign languages that are currently available to students.

He explained that the teachers' union has a deal with the city that no one can be laid off. Several English teachers are pregnant, and a number of them are taking leave next year. But, said Mr. Teitel, we cannot cut our science electives because nobody is leaving. The Guidance Department may be reduced from 11 to 10, while the DOE must be aware that we are taking in another 100 kids. In addition, funding to clubs and activities will be cut. Further discussion concerned the impact of the cuts on Special Ed. and the additional expense of summer school, in which Stuyvesant must pay for each class even though the courses are given at Brooklyn Tech.

Several parents complained of the budget cuts, and there was some discussion of the school's efforts to raise money.

The program was not devoted entirely to budget woes and other issues were addressed, such as parent concerns over the school's attendance record keeping and the Lunch Out policy, which has been under review after recent abuses by some freshman students. Concerning the end-of-year festivities, Mr. Teitel remarked that, after 25 years, the kids are absolutely wonderful, but it is important to remain vigilant, especially in terms of alcohol and drugs. He encouraged parents to ask questions such as, "Who are you going with?" He added that "it won't take a mother two seconds" to figure out what the kid is up to. Mr. Teitel also acknowledged the importance of the Sing! production, stating that "the kids work hard and they are tired, but when it comes to Sing!, they find the energy."

## STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

In order to run for office in the October 2009 PA Election, a candidate must complete the following form and submit it or the equivalent information at the September 2009 PA General Membership Meeting after being nominated from the floor during that meeting (parents may nominate themselves).

The nomination form or equivalent information must be handed to PA election officials no later than the conclusion of the September 2009 PA General Membership Meeting in order for a candidate to run for office.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate for:  
Senior Member-At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member-At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore Member-At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman Member-At-Large \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman SLT Representative \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE REFER TO THE ARTICLES ON PAGE 3 FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITIONS AND FURTHER DETAILS ON THE ELECTION PROCEDURES. The Fall Election procedures are also described in Article IV, Section 10, of the PA By-laws, available at [www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org).

A parent with children in more than one grade may run for only one Member-At-Large position.

THIS FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE PA WEB SITE at [www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org).

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## COLLEGE CORNER *by Lillian Sage*

September marks the official beginning of the college application process for seniors. We wish all senior students success in this endeavor.

September also means the college counselors will be kicking into high gear, tirelessly preparing our students for and helping them in this process. The guidance counselors also will be working long hours, writing SSRs for the seniors. Thanks to you all! We are very grateful!

Juniors will be taking the PSAT this fall and the SAT in the spring. We wish them success also!

### Checklist for Senior Parents

- Has your student updated his/her online SSR questionnaire?
- Has your student asked two teachers to write recommendations? Students should be sure to follow the teachers' instructions and remember to write thank you notes later.
- Has your student taken and/or registered to take the SAT I and/or ACT?
- Has your student read the College Handbook thoroughly and marked all important dates and deadlines on her/his calendar?

### Upcoming Events for Senior Students and Parents

- On September 22, seniors will attend college information sessions during their Social Studies classes.
- Ms. Cleary will be leading a meeting for parents of seniors, the exact date to be announced. At the meeting Ms. Cleary will describe the college application process and discuss how we can best support our students during this stressful time.
- College admissions representatives will begin scheduling visits to Stuyvesant in the coming weeks. Seniors should check the schedule posted outside of the College Office or click on the "college" link at the Stuy Web site. Many of these representatives are the same individuals who will actually

be reading our kids' applications, so students should be sure to attend sessions held by those colleges to which they are interested in applying. Students must obtain a pass from the College Office the day before a session, as they will have to miss regularly scheduled classes.

### For Juniors

- The PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Test is scheduled for October 14.
- Please watch for information about college trips. Ms. Archie will be making announcements as soon as plans are in place.

### College Planning Event For Everyone

A financial planning seminar is scheduled at Stuyvesant on October 15. Once again we have invited Kalman Chany, author of *Paying for College Without Going Broke*, to speak to us about financial planning for college, strategies, and FAFSA forms. This seminar is good for families of all students; it is never too early to plan. Please mark your calendar.

### The Common App Online School Forms System

Mr. Teitel sent a listserv letter to parents of the Class of 2010 on June 19 informing them that Stuyvesant will start using the Common Application Online School Forms System. This system allows our College Office to submit students' SSRs and transcripts online to colleges. All senior students may use the Common Application to apply online to colleges but, for the Class of 2010, only students from homerooms H to Q will have their SSRs and transcripts sent electronically. All other students will have their records sent by mail from the Stuyvesant College Office.

### General Reminder

Check the "college" link on the Stuy Web site frequently to view updates of various meetings and scholarship opportunities.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE STUY-PA LISTSERV?

Have the most up-to-date school related news and information at your finger tips by joining the Stuy-PA Listserv.

You will also receive a monthly e-mail notification each time a new issue of the *Bulletin* is posted on our Web site, along with a link that will enable you to access the *Bulletin* with just one click of the mouse.

The easiest and fastest way to sign up is to visit the Stuy-PA Web site Home Page, [www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org). Just fill in your e-mail address, pick a password, and click on the Subscribe button.

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## LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS (continued from front page)

### Volunteer

The PA depends on volunteers to staff our PA office, maintain our Web site, publish our newsletter and organize events such as the annual College Night, our Lunar New Year Feast and other fund-raising initiatives. In the upcoming days, the EB will work to identify and nominate new committee chairs for Appropriations, College, Fund-raising, Office/Administration, Health & Safety and other key PA committees. Volunteers to staff these committees are needed.

We know we have an incredibly talented and highly skilled pool of parent members. Please visit our Web site ([www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org)) and see our By-laws for a full list of potential PA committees and

their duties. If you have the time, even if you have just a few hours a week to offer, we can use your assistance. The PA has a fully equipped private office at the school (room 271) which is staffed by volunteers. To volunteer for any and all PA activities, please visit our Web site, click on the volunteer link and indicate your interest on the online form, or contact any member of the PA Executive Board or send an e-mail to our Corresponding Secretary, Florence Hutner ([florence@stuy-PAnews.org](mailto:florence@stuy-PAnews.org)).

### Make A Donation To The PA

Your contributions to our "Annual Appeal" enable us to supplement Stuyvesant's bare-bones budget, enhancing our children's school experience. With-

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— Alex Cai and Larry Wood

## PA BULLETIN: BY MAIL OR ONLINE?



Each issue of the *PA Bulletin* costs approximately \$4,300, including about \$2,000 in postage. In order to manage its finances in a prudent and responsible fashion, the PA Executive Board has elected to publish the *Bulletin* online, mailing only to those members who have specifically requested printed copies.

The September and October *Bulletin* issues will still be mailed to all PA members. However, beginning in November, you must have completed and returned the form below in order continue receiving the *Bulletin* by mail.

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# MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE STUYVESANT HS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION JUNE 9, 2009

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by PA Co-President Paola de Kock. Paola conveyed regrets from fellow Co-President Susan Mendelsohn, who attended the SLT Meeting earlier that day, but was forced to miss the final PA General Meeting of the year due to a conflicting Medical Society meeting.

2. Announcements: Co-President Paola de Kock.

a. The administration has hired a part-time grant writer, Melissa Carroll, to pursue opportunities to supplement the school's funding. At the January 2009 General Meeting, the PA membership approved \$1,200 to help pay for the grant writer; the school has also appropriated \$1,200 for this purpose. In view of the many hours of hard work that the position entails, the combined \$2,400 is less a salary than a stipend to offer compensation for out-of-pocket expenses. As a freshman parent, Ms. Carroll has an obvious stake in the school's future. She has an impressive resume, having spent 20 years at the Ford Foundation approving grants, and she currently has the time and inclination to serve the Stuyvesant community.

b. Things in Albany are getting more bizarre by the day, and the news is not good. The more power shifts to the Republican side, the less likely the state government is to increase taxes, which are necessary to fund schools.

c. Paola acknowledged a few complaints about the PA's listserv announcements asking parents to call/write their state senators and assembly members on mayoral control and education budget issues. She reminded the audience, however, that at our April General Meeting the PA membership passed a motion in support of the Parent Commission on Mayoral Control and School Governance, which has been working to modify mayoral control of public schools to significantly increase oversight of the DOE and expand parents' rights.

d. Paola explained that this would be her final General Meeting, and quipped that the co-president position had to be a voluntary job since no amount of money would justify the workload. She went on to thank Principal Teitel, who is often called upon to make tough decisions, but cares deeply about the school and the children, for which we should all be grateful. She also thanked the kids, whose talents, hard work and enthusiasm make Stuyvesant High the jewel of the NYC public school system and a very special place. She added that Stuyvesant is rare if not unique among US schools—a preeminent academic institution with an economically diverse student body—and that we should all work to protect its future. Paola thanked the members of the Hospitality Committee, Anna Lee, Claire Park and Sabrina Kim. She also recognized fellow Co-President Susan Mendelsohn, whose opinions and companionship were greatly appreciated, and Corresponding Secretary Dave Gibson, whom she especially appreciated for his ability to work with women and for being unassuming, exceedingly competent, and offering the greatest support on a daily basis.

3. Paola introduced the incoming Co-Presidents, Alex Cai and Larry Wood.

a. Alex thanked everybody who supported Larry and himself in the election, and added that he would like to earn the support of those who did not. Alex stated that, although he is new to the PA, Larry has a lot of experience and that he looks forward to working with him and the Parents' Association.

b. Larry committed to hearing people out and working in partnership. He stated that things would be difficult going forward, given the looming budget cuts. He also acknowledged some e-mail traffic expressing dissatisfaction with the election results, but commented that the election was decided based upon policy differences, and that it is important for everyone to stay involved. Larry went on to say that outgoing Co-President Paola de Kock had done a great job of instilling discipline by streamlining many of the PA's fiscal and procedural practices, and straightening out much that was left in disarray by past administrations. Mr. Wood laid out the goals of his administration, including persuading parents to contribute financially, and getting parents to attend meetings and participate on committees. He stated that whether parents have ten years' experience working on a PA or no experience at all, Stuyvesant needs their support.

4. Lillian Sage and Monica Kaufmann Watt presented the surprise part of the program, which involved taking a few moments to honor 13 graduating parents who had made extraordinary contributions to the Stuyvesant PA. Ms. Sage pointed out that some work in a very visible way, and some work in the background, but all of these individuals have done an outstanding job. The parents who were honored were: Paola de Kock, Florri Levy, Cathy Minuse, Ellen Bilofsky, Larry Sit, Jian Fong Wang, Hannah Silverman, Isabelle Jeauanne-Fertig, Annette Farkas, Chu Tai Kim, Robert Lee, Al Piro, and Marjorie Weinman.

5. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 26 General Meeting; the motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report: Paola and Sylvia reviewed the balance sheet, pointing out that we need to pay attention to how we handle money and cautioning against

lack of discipline; the PA is about helping parents and shaping policy, but money is also really important as PA dollars are vital in terms of supplementing the DOE's shrinking allocations to the school. We currently have a total of \$377,000, of which \$289,000 was raised for next year's expenses (2009-2010). In addition, the net income from the Lunar Feast totaled \$20,000, which has been set aside for college services; the rest represents retained earnings. If you look at the Profit and Loss Statement, you can see how we have spent the money this year; in most categories, we are under budget. Paola stated that, given the allegations raised during the recent election process, she would like to bring in an auditor to verify that the records and procedures are in order. The chancellor's regulations do not require an outside audit or a financial review, but they do encourage it. Paola proposed to hire the same accountant who reviews the schools' books on a yearly basis. He charges \$300/hr., and we do not know exactly how long it will take for him to complete his review. Larry Wood commented that the audit is a good move, and that we need to be vigilant. He also cautioned that, in the past, treasurer's reports erroneously showed that we had a million dollars in reserve, and the CPA who prepared the PA's tax return and financial statements never caught the mistake. He asked if there is a limit on the hours that the accountant is going to work. Paola responded that a full-blown audit would cost about \$10,000, but a simpler review would be far less—most likely less than \$5,000. It was suggested that \$5,000 be designated as the actual limit, and the following motion was voted upon and passed: to approve the hiring of Lenny Emmerman, the CPA who looks over the school's books, to review our accounts and procedures to a maximum of \$5,000 at a rate of \$300/hr.

7. Appropriations Committee report: There was a last-minute request for funding to publish the humor magazine, *The Broken Escalator*. Also, the administration has requested additional monies to purchase lockers to accommodate the larger freshman class in September. Both requests were approved.

8. The Nomination Committee Chair, Cathy Minuse, announced that the ballot box had been provided at the back of the auditorium, and that ballots were being distributed. The positions to be voted upon included one senior SLT representative and one alternate, two junior SLT representatives and one alternate, and two sophomore SLT representatives and one alternate. Candidates who were present were invited to the stage to give one-minute presentations and ballots were to be counted following the conclusion of the meeting.

9. Fundraising Chair Mariam Sarrafan stated that the PA's Annual Appeal had raised \$289,000, that some checks were still trickling in, and that fund-raising was just about complete for the 2008-2009 academic year.

10. College Committee Co-Chairs Florri Levy and Lillian Sage did not have any specific announcements. Paola summarized by stating that the kids did very well in the college process and she thanked Ms. Cleary and the College Office staff.

11. Paola also mentioned that Health and Safety Committee Chair Cathy Minuse was graduating, and that Cathy had been leading the committee for a year and had been a member for three years. Paola expressed her hope that Susan Mendelsohn, who is a doctor, will assume the position.

12. Chinese Outreach Committee Chair Eleanor Chang discussed efforts to prepare for next year's Lunar Feast and expressed her desire that the PA membership continue to support the annual fund-raising event.

13. SLT Representative Paul Bauer reviewed initiatives discussed at the June SLT Meeting held earlier that day. Topics included Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals which the administration is taking up for the 2009-2010 academic year; these goals include writing across the curriculum (meaning that students should receive writing assignments for all academic disciplines) and mandatory academic intervention for failing students. Principal Teitel also dropped the goal of 90% of students achieving 90 or better on NYS Regents Exams (90/90) since the goal has largely been met. Another topic that has been a theme throughout the year has been that students would like a greater voice in how the school is run. One initiative that was discussed is some type of course evaluation wherein students could offer feedback to their teachers. The general consensus of the SLT was that such a program could work, but only if it were voluntary.

14. Paola reminded everyone that the election ballot boxes would be closed at 9 p.m.

15. Paola also announced that instead of presenting the usual PA program, she had asked Mr. Teitel to answer questions in a town hall-style format, which immediately followed.

16. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

—Respectfully submitted by Lee Levitt, Recording Secretary

亲爱的史岱文生社区，

欢迎！我们代表家长会董事会(PA EB) 真诚希望你及你的家庭有一个多产和回报的学年。董事会员已在夏天举行非正式会议，思考面临的挑战和准备好为你们和更大范围的校区服务。家长会的一个主要目标之一是鼓励会员在孩子的学校生活中扮演主动角色。要实现这个目标，我们必须维持与会员紧密联系的纽带，从而提供你们无数机会去支持和欣赏史岱文生各类活动。为了让我们能与你的家庭及时分享有关信息和重要更新，请务必确认你能收到和阅读我们的月刊，the Bulletin，以及每周e-mails。不要被排除在外！在第7页对怎样通过邮递收到月刊和登记注册e-mail listserv 有重要的详细说明。请尽一切努力参加家长会和学校活动，例如老师家长会，戏剧表演，音乐会，体育活动，演讲和介绍。你不会后悔，它们将使你的家庭生活因史岱文生更丰富多彩。

**学校预算：**尽管有许多期待，我们仍然认识到这是一个对史岱文生社区充满潜在挑战的一年。国家经济危机和随之而来的州府及市府必须解决的预算赤字已经导致公立教育系统大幅削减预算。史岱文生不可能获得豁免。校长 Teitel 和学校领导小组(SLT) 将开会讨论已经确定的预算削减以及正在排队等候的额外削减。像所有市府机构，教育局(DOE) 被要求呈列出能够删减的学校活动，以帮助减少预算差距。虽然市府随后从联邦政府接受到一大笔刺激经济基金，其中的一部分可能拨给教育局，我们目前不能确定对那些已经放在删减区的学校活动会发生什么情况——例如选修课和课外活动，包括提供所有当任学生队及俱乐部“教员顾问”的基金。潜在受冲击区域包括：数学队，演讲&辩论队，The Spectator (校报)，韩语和希伯来语课程，辅导员，大学顾问等等。我们强烈推荐你们参加9月22日家长会全体会议，亲耳听到哪些已被削减，以及假如市政厅强制进一步预算裁减哪些即将发生。最重要的是需要你们知道我们必须一起主动行动起来去处理危机和支持学校。

**你能做什么：**我们相信在会员的帮助下，以及和学校行政人员，学生会，校友会紧密合作，我们能维持在史岱文生存在已久的高质量的优秀强化教育。需要做的事仍很多，我们正积极寻找你的协助：及时得到通报，做义工以及尽你所能慷慨捐助。

**及时得到通报：**出席从九月至六月的每月家长会全体大会和特殊活动。大会是专为父母的需要设计的，晚上7点开始。我们每月的讲座帮助你了解学校生活的各个方面——学术的，课外活动，大学录取以及申请资助。大会日程表和活动的通知将通过PA listserv 电邮(e-mail) 给你以及张贴在我们的网站（请一定要在PA Listserv登记！）。请在第2页查看整个2009-2010年度的家长会和董事会的时间表。

**做义工：**家长会需要义工来帮忙家长会办公室，维持网站，出版时事通讯和组织各种活动，包括每年的大学之夜，农历新年筹款晚会以及其他筹款活动。在接下来的数天里，董事会将提名以下委员会主席：拨款委员会，大学委员会，筹款委员会，办公室/行政，健康&安全，以及其他的重要委员会。这些委员会需要义工，我们也知道我们拥有一个才技兼备的家长群体。请访问我们的网站([www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org))和阅读我们的章程来了解所有家长会委员会名单以及他们的具体职务。假如你有时间，即使一个星期内只能提供几个小时，我们也希望得到你的帮助。家长会在学校有一个专备齐全的单办公室（房号271），由义工来运作。请愿意给任何和所有家长会活动做义工的家长访问我们的网站，点击义工连接处，然后在网上表格填上你的兴趣，或者联系任何家长会董事会成员，或者e-mail给我们的通讯秘书，Florence Hutner ([florence@stuyPAnews.org](mailto:florence@stuyPAnews.org))。

**向家长会捐款：**你对我们Annual Appeal的捐款能使我们增补史岱文生已捉襟见肘的预算，增强孩子们的学校经历。没有你的支持，很多使史岱文生与他校不同的课内外活动以及教育强化课程便不能再存在。在不确定的州和市教育局预算方案的现在，你的捐款对学校比以往任何时候都重要。请尽你所能慷慨捐款。史岱文生高中家长会是一个免税，非盈利501(c)(3)机构；所以你的捐款是完全免税的。请点击家长会网站左边的“Annual Appeal”连接点来获得网上捐款的详情，支票和信用卡均可支付。

--伍德Larry Wood 和蔡俊修Alex Cai 敬上

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#### 校长来函

亲爱的家长，

我在此热情欢迎史岱文生学生家长以及今年新生家长的访校。在9月2日星期三，Ms. Archie 举办了非常成功的新生家长熟悉校园活动，很多家长踊跃参加。

你们很多人已经知道，去年所有学校都经历了大约4%预算削减。我们已尽力去减少预算削减对课堂指导的冲击。一些选修科目被删减，一些后勤支持人员被裁掉。

去年我执行了对在课堂不成功的学生实行强制性干预性学科辅导服务(AIS)课程(辅导)。我将继续执行这个政策，给需要帮助的学生提供服务。现在学生会正计划在9月25日星期五为新生和Big Sibs 举办一场舞会。请鼓励你的孩子参加。

第一次家长会全体大会将在9月22日星期二举行。我希望那时候能够见到你们大多数人。

一如以往，希望我们有一个成功的学年。

至诚的， 校长 Stan Teitel

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#### 家长会随任委员(Member-at-Large)和领导小组代表(SLT)选举提名

学年伊始，家长会从代表每个年级的教室选举出家长随任委员，从代表新生的教室选举出家长领导小组代表。以下是需要竞选的职位：

- 十位随任委员(Member-at-Large)：一位12年级代表，一位11年级代表，三位10年级代表，五位9年级代表 以及
- 一位9年级领导小组代表(SLT)。

9月22日家长会全体大会开会时将开始接受这些职位的提名，会议结束时提名截至。

每位候选人必须填一份表格包括姓名，电话号码，地址和孩子的姓名及年级，在会议结束前交给家长会选举人员，从而使你的提名有效。10月份家长会全体大会时会员将就这些职位进行投票。

如果你对这些程序有任何疑问，请联系Bruce Hood: email 地址 [bhood@wiggin.com](mailto:bhood@wiggin.com) 或致电(212) 551-2604。

请参考下一篇文章来了解这些职位的具体描述以及更多竞选程序的详细内容。秋季选举程序也可在家长会网站[www.stuy-pa.org](http://www.stuy-pa.org) 查找，具体内容刊

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登在家长会章程 (PA Bylaws) 的第四章(Article IV), 第十节(Section 10).

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### 2009年10月家长会全体大会将投票选举出董事会和领导小组代表(SLT)空职

大部分家长会的工作是由董事会成员来计划和执行。虽然大部分董事会职位由春季选举产生或者会长任命, 23个待选职位中的11个总是由10月份的家长会全体大会会员投票产生。

这提供各年级家长一个很好的机会通过竞选其中某个职位来参与家长会活动。选举将在10月份家长会全体大会举行。可是只在9月份家长会全体大会的会议中接受候选人的提名。候选人必须在填了附在这份月刊上(家长会网站上亦可下载)的候选人表格, 并在会议结束前交给选举人员, 提名才正式有效。提名截至后将会立即将一份候选人名单张贴在家长会网站并通过Listserv通知所有会员, 随后也会刊登在10月份的月刊上。

会员随后将在10月份家长会全体大会上就这些职位投票。候选人需要发表一个简短演讲(30秒)。投票箱7点钟打开, 一直延续到9点钟或者直到会议结束, 取决于哪个更早。10月份选举的职位包括: 十位随任委员(一位12年级代表, 一位11年级代表, 三位10年级代表, 五位9年级代表)以及一位9年级领导小组代表, 第二顺位者将当选为副选。随任委员将在董事会代表他们所在年级。

今年家长会董事会在每个月的第一个星期四碰面(请参阅这一期的月历)。会议于晚上6:30在学校召开, 持续大约2小时。随任委员除了出席董事会会议, 也需要参加每月的家长会全体大会, 通常是在每月的第三个星期二晚上7点至9点举行, 他们同时也要参加会前半小时的“hospitality”集会。为了履行课堂代表职责, 随任委员需要通过e-mail, 电话和会议来征求所代表课堂家长的评论及关切的问题。他们也必须主动参与至少一个由自己选择的家长会委员会, 并可能被征召去协助任何需要完成的家长会工作。

领导小组代表(SLT)是一个家长, 学生, 老师和行政人员在一起碰面并讨论学校面临的问题的唯一论坛。SLT代表承担为学校研发综合教育计划(CEP)的责任, 发展一个支持CEP的预算/人员班子计划, 以及检阅计划的有效性。SLT由7个家长代表和4个副选组成。代表和副选需要出席所有会议。副选通常没有投票权, 除非他们对应的代表缺席。SLT代表和副选由下列人员组成: (i) 家长会会长或者其中一位共同会长, (ii) 一位12年级代表和一位副选, (iii) 两位11年级代表和一位副选, (iv) 两位10年级代表和一位副选, (v) 一位9年级代表和一位副选。

除了9年级的代表和副选是在10月份家长会全体大会上选出, 所有其他代表和副选均由春季选举产生。SLT会议通常在每月的第一个星期二下午3:15至5:00举行, 紧接在家长会董事会之前; 可是追加的SLT会议也有可能召开。SLT代表也可能被要求服务于亚委员会, 会议另外举行。

SLT代表和副选是家长会董事会的投票会员, 除了出席SLT会议外, 还需要参加所有董事会和家长会全体大会。目前一个SLT代表和他/她相应的副选拥有一个董事会席位, 副选只有在代表缺席时才能投票。为了履行课堂代表的职责, SLT代表必须征求家长的评论和关心的问题, 传达相关信息给SLT, 同时让董事会和所有会员了解SLT的有关活动及其进度。SLT代表需要投入大量时间出席和参与SLT及家长会各种会议, 可是他们也同时参与到影响学校的最关键的问题。

想要了解更多有关董事会, SLT 或者选举议题的家长请与Bruce Hood 联系: email [地址bhood@wiggin.com](mailto:地址bhood@wiggin.com) 或者电话(212) 551-2604.

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### 校长Teitel 就预算影响在6月份家长会全体大会讲话

6月份家长会全体大会以一个特别节目为特色, 校长Teitel 在以直接沟通民众的大会形式会场中发表讲话。观众的提问涉及一系列主题, 可是会议的大部分时间都与预算削减及学校将在2009-2010学年受到怎样的影响有关。Mr. Teitel 在节目一开始提出三个要点: 第一是真诚感谢12年级父母的支持; 第二是学校只负责护送一个舞会, 即在Waldorf Astoria Hotel 举办的毕业舞会 (Senior Prom)。他表明他只负责孩子们晚上8点到达Waldorf 直至凌晨1点离开的这段时间。最后一点是他不打算很快退休。

Mr. Teitel 用更沉重的语气描述了预期9月份即将生效的\$400,000预算削减, 而学校同时却被迫招收更多学生。Mr. Teitel 解释了学校只有体育项目没有资金来源, 它的资金是由公立学校体育联盟 (PSAL) 提供。虽然我们的预算在上个财政年度已遭受需协调\$304,000削减的冲击, 他还没有到被迫作出重大调整的地步。可是这个状况很快将会改变, Mr. Teitel 清楚地告诉大家: “我们将不得不作出削减。”

一位听众提出问题: “我们有多大概率面临更多削减?” Mr. Teitel回答时指出去年“当我们的预算被削减时, 我们在晚上6点钟收到e-mail 通知, 午夜时那笔钱就不见了。。这让我很担忧。我没有能力控制那些事情发生; 假如市长需要钱, 我不能阻止他那样做。”

下一个问题是: “哪些将被削减?” Mr. Teitel解释早晨给新生提供的数学队会在名单上, 很可能不会继续下去。老师受到鼓励去用Comp. time, 这对学校有益而且他们也可以做一些其他的事。希望再雇一位系主任的请求也不会桌面上。选修课肯定受到影响。按照Mr. Teitel 的说法, 他不会去碰任何符合纽约州必修课的内容, 他也不准备降低史岱文生的高严标准。Mr. Teitel 继续说明仍然会有很多选修课, 可是目前提供给学生的外语课程可能会受到裁减。

他陈述教师工会与市府达成协议不能裁员。几个语文老师怀有身孕, 她们中的一群人明年会休产假。可是我们不能减少科学选修课, 因为没人离开。辅导员系可能从11名人员减少到10人, 同时教育局又让我们接受了额外100名新生。另外提供俱乐部和课外活动的经费要被削减。更远的讨论关注于削减对于特殊教育和额外暑期学校经费的冲击, 尽管暑期课程是在Brooklyn Tech教授, 史岱文生必须付每堂课的学费。

几位家长抱怨预算削减, 同时也讨论了学校募款的努力。

这个节目不仅仅只讨论预算灾难, 其他问题也有提出, 例如父母对学校的出勤率纪录和外出午餐政策的关切, 外出午餐政策在最近发生新生滥用事件后已接受评估。就学年结束的庆祝活动, Mr. Teitel 认为25年的经历告诉他这些学生是绝对了不起的, 可是家长对孩子使用酒精和毒品保持警惕很重要。他鼓励父母问孩子问题, 例如“你和谁一块出去?” 他说妈妈“只需不到2秒时间”就猜出小孩究竟想做什么。Mr. Teitel 也鸣谢制作Sing! 的重要性, 他声明“孩子们努力学习, 也会感觉疲惫, 可是无论何时提到Sing! 他们就会精力充沛。”

--Lee Levitt敬上

Korean Translation

공동장의 편지
친애하는 스타이 가족 여러분
안녕하세요? 학부모임의 수석부회장인 저는 이 편지를 통해 여러분에게 인사드립니다.
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9월은 12학년들의 공식적인 대학입학원서시작을 의미합니다.
우리모두는 학생들의 모든 노력이 성공적인 결과를 맺기를 기원합니다.
9월은 또한 대학상담교사들(가이던스 카운셀러)이 최선을 다해 학생들의 대학입학을 위해 노력하는 시발점이기도 합니다.
가이던스 카운셀러들은 장시간을 일하며 학생들을 위한 SSR을 작성할 것입니다. 모든분들께 감사드립니다.



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**UPCOMING PA GENERAL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**  
**7:00-9:00 P.M.**

**Murray Kahn Theatre**  
**6:30 P.M. - Hospitality and Refreshments**  
**7:00 P.M. - Meeting**

PROGRAM:

**The Budget Crisis**

Principal Teitel will address the impact of DOE budget cuts  
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