



HIGH SCHOOL OF AMERICAN STUDIES
PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Virtual Meeting held on May 20, 2020

FOR APPROVAL

- Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Nicole Rothschild, President of HSAS PTA.
- Executive Board attendees: Nicole Rothschild, Stephen Friedgood, Joanna Brody, Jorge Ramirez, Dan Jacob, Eric Weinberg, Wendi Lee and Juliet Ragaishis

Principals Report – Mr. Weiss

- **AP exams** were held – most had no problems, but there were some uploading issues. We gave recommendations on submission and simulations to the students.
- **Seniors** - still working on a virtual graduation, DOE has not provided guidance on a company. We will still make the ceremony very personalized and recognize every senior. Will be sending out a release to parents for caps and gowns. Yearbook may need to go virtual and a hardcover picked up later. Diplomas will need to be issued later.
- **Grades** – We will issue number grades as usual. There is no failing mark. Instead, students who do not meet course standards will receive a mark of NX (course in progress). After final grades are released, parents may opt to have number grades changed into CR (credit). Students who receive an NX may make up the work during the summer or the fall semester. If the work is not made up, each NX will turn into an NC (no credit).
- **2020-2021** school year – Have no idea what it will be functionally, or how to have social distancing. Discovery Program will continue remotely. Reach out if you need assistance. No budget yet. Lehman classes may be cut going forward. Course programming will begin soon for next year.
- Paula is feeling underutilized – she is happy to help resolve any issues, so reach out to her.
- Refunds are coming for AP tests. Live classes are not being well attended – please encourage your kids to attend.
- **Q & A – Q. Graduation date?** A. Graduation will be on the same day, thus far.

President's Report - Nicole Rothschild, PTA President

- There will be no PTA elections until October for the Executive Board and SLT and Class Parent Representative, but we will start taking nomination beginning at the June meetings. The online auction will end on May 26th.

Treasurer's Report – Dan Jacobs & Jorge Ramirez

- Working on the budget. \$207,800 total \$135k is from fundraising initiatives, which includes the disbursement of additional funds to the PTA. A budget of austerity was created. Fundamentally we need:
 - Increased revenue
 - Reduction in spending
 - Accrue capital

Treasurers foresee a 25% decrease in donations because of the economy. We will vote on the budget next meeting.

- **Minutes from the April PTA meeting passed.**

New Business – Nicole Rothschild, PTA President

- Audit committee will report next month. Nominating committee will present the slate. Please respond if you are interested in a class rep position. Eugenia Tinsley and Charlotte Elkin are heading nominating.
 - New uniforms are being ordered for cross country.
 - PSAL sports may be cancelled next year – waiting on DOE.
- **Vote to increase graduation expenses for up to \$2,300 passed**

Next meeting is June 16.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

