

Townsend Harris Alumni Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors (as approved on October 2, 2014)

June 3, 2014

Location: Queens Borough Public Library, Flushing Branch (41-17 Main Street).

The following directors were present and constituted a quorum: Anthony Barbetta, Gerald P. Halpern, Christina Juva, Jonathan Kamler (via phone), Jordan Leeds, Dr. Selina Lee, Kimberly Lo (via phone), Tanya M. Odom, and Craig L. Slutzkin.

Guest: Ethan Felder (Class of 2005).

- I. Dr. Selina Lee called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and welcomed the directors. Craig L. Slutzkin noted that this was the first Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting chaired solely by a female and the Board congratulated Dr. Lee.
- II. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**. Dr. Lee asked for a review of the minutes from the April 3, 2014 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Slutzkin, seconded by Jordan Leeds and unanimously approved by the Board.
- III. **Executive Committee Report**. Mr. Slutzkin and Dr. Lee reported the following:
 - a. **Annual Reporting and Disclosures**: The Alumni Association received an unqualified, clean opinion from the auditors for the year ended August 31, 2013.
 - b. **Workman's Compensation Claim**: This is an ongoing issue. Mr. Slutzkin responded to all inquiries and is waiting to hear back from New York State.
- IV. **School Report**. Principal Barbetta updated the board on several developments:
 - a. **Department of Education Budget**: The budget for the next school year is the best one in the past three years. \$120K-\$150K is expected to be budgeted for the 11 incoming Special Education students. A summer program is expected to be budgeted for these students to work with teachers.
 - b. **Faculty Issue**: A teacher has been removed from the school. The Department of Education is reviewing the situation and there will be a hearing.
 - c. **Science Labs**: The science labs are scheduled to be remodeled.
 - d. **Technology**: Another class in conjunction with Queens College is planned to utilize iPads.
 - e. **School Rankings**: A recent ranking scored THHS as ranking 40th in the country among high schools (US News and World Report).
 - f. **School Electives**: There will be two journalism electives offered next school year. Both are to be taught by newspaper advisor Brian Sweeney.
- V. **PTA Report**. Jordan Leeds updated the board on PTA developments.
 - a. **Fundraising**: currently behind their fundraising goal of \$60,000 with about \$44,000 pledged through the phone-a-thon.
 - b. **Elections**: Elections were held for 2014 school year. Penny Stern and Joan Weston will be Co-Presidents.

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VI. Events Committee Report.

a. Events Completed:

1. June 8, 2014: Community Service Event: 15 people and four children attended at Queens Botanical Gardens.

b. Events Pending:

1. Brooklyn Cyclones Game—August 2, 2014
2. PTA End of Year Dinner—June 12, 2014
3. Reunions:
 - i. June 7, 2014: 10 and 5 year
 - ii. June 14, 2014: 25 year
 - iii. June 28, 2014: 20 and 15 year
4. Food and service industry event.

VII. Fundraising Report. Deferred due to Kimberly Eaton's absence.

VIII. Treasurer's Report.

- a. Craig Slutzkin presented the financial report for the period between September 1, 2013 and May 31, 2014. Report and fund allocations were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Halpern and seconded by Christina Juva and passed unanimously.

IX. Old Business.

- a. By-Laws: Association By-Laws for review by members and possible changes as this has not been evaluated in some time. This will be further discussed at the June 2014 Board meeting.

X. New Business.

a. 30th Anniversary Celebration:

- i. The Board discussed initial ideas for incorporating Founder's Day celebration with 30th Anniversary of school reopening. This included a faculty Dinner for original members.
- ii. One thought was to possibly work with Assemblywoman Nily Rozic on possible City of New York or State Proclamation celebration.

- b. THAA Governance Policies: Mr. Slutzkin distributed copies to all in attendance at meeting for review. We will discuss at next board meeting.

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There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Juva