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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The tenets of our nation's character have been tested during this past month. Each of us has witnessed the courage and fortitude of NYC fire-fighters and patrolmen. Each of you has demonstrated your courage by sending your child to school daily. It is my responsibility to try to maintain the safest environment possible at all times for your children.

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Marilena Christodoulou and all Parent Association members who have worked tirelessly to help us get our school building back. Pressure on the Board of Education helped accelerate the process. Their continued diligence will help ensure the students' return to a safe building.

October is Open School month. I hope that each of you will avail yourselves of this unique opportunity to meet and speak with your child's teachers. The collaboration of parents and teachers can only enhance the education that Stuyvesant delivers to each child. As I walk around during open school, please stop me and say hello.

— Stanley Teitel

PHONATHON RESULTS

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of the Stuyvesant community, the May 2001 Phonathon raised \$289,000. Contributions are still coming in. We are grateful to the parent volunteers and members of the school's administration who manned the phones for three evenings supporting this important event.

The Phonathon is the Stuyvesant PA's only fundraising event. The money raised is used to support the school in many ways: upgrading computer facilities, maintaining networks and PC's, purchasing non-traditional textbooks, funding the Speech & Debate and the Math teams, supporting math and science research projects, supplying uniforms for the sports teams and much more.

Because of the World Trade Center disaster, Stuyvesant will be facing many unanticipated expenses. As a result, your contribution now is even more critical to the school. If you have not already done so – or would like to add to your earlier gift – please consider writing a check today.

Please send your donation to keep our school the special place it is for our very talented kids. Checks should be made payable to the SHS Parents' Association and mailed to: Stuyvesant High School Parents' Association, P.O. Box 3531, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008-3531.

— Donovan Moore, Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM MARILENA CHRISTODOULOU, President of Stuyvesant Parents' Association

Dear Parents,

These past weeks have stunned and saddened us all. We must feel heartened, however, by the amazing display of strength and unity both in our country and within our school community. Working together, faculty and administration, students and parents achieved the students' successful transition to their temporary home at Brooklyn Tech.

Looking beyond these tragic events, the goal now is the safe return of our students to their familiar surroundings and daily activities as soon as possible. On Friday October 5th, the Parents' Association was informed of the Board of Education's decision to reopen our school on October 9th. This decision was made without prior consultation with the Stuyvesant PA.

The Parents' Association retained independent experts to review the results of the cleanup operations of our school building taking place under the supervision of the Board of Education, as well as the results of the air testing and monitoring in the areas surrounding the school. The PA's expert received the post-cleanup test sampling results and other extensive documentation from the Board of Education on Friday October 5 in the afternoon, an insufficient time for him to thoroughly review them and advise the PA that afternoon. The PA Executive Board held a Special Meeting that evening.

On Monday, October 8, the PA Board was informed of its expert's opinion that the indoor test results are acceptable. However, there are several important items that need to be addressed to ensure the continued safety inside the school building. A complete statement of the PA's position will be published shortly, including the PA expert's recommendations and requests to the Board of Education. Documents and test results will be made available to parents.

Key issues that must be addressed are (a) the continued monitoring of the water quality and air quality (both inside and outside the school) after the students relocate, (b) the effects of continued demolition and recovery operations for impact within and outside the school, (c) the carting and waste disposal onto barges near the school, and (d) safe access and transportation issues. The Board of Education had agreed to the PA's request that its Director of School Environmental Health and Safety write a detailed explanatory letter addressing these issues. To date, the Board of Education has not provided us with such a letter. It has provided us, however, with a letter from the NYC Department of Health which is posted on our website.

The PA Executive Board is concerned with the carting and disposal of debris from the WTC site onto barges located near the school. At its Special Meeting of October 5, the PA Executive Board passed a resolution that the barge operations, and the related truck traffic and noise pollution present a potential danger to the students and staff of our school and to the surrounding community. Therefore, the Executive Board believes that the barges should be moved to another location as soon as possible. The Board plans to enlist the support of the community and of neighboring schools to achieve this goal.

Please keep checking our website, www.stuyppa.org, for the latest information. A Special PA General Meeting will be held shortly. Notice will be posted on the PA website and distributed to your children. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

— Marilena Christodoulou, PA President
— Sheldon Stachel, First Vice President

PA GENERAL MEETING Tuesday, October 16, 2001

- > 6:30 – 7:00 pm: Hospitality Time
- > 7:00 pm: Business Meeting: Elections
- > 7:30 pm: Program: Return to School, Speakers TBA

STUYVESANT CALENDAR 2001/2002

Monday, Oct. 8	School Closed – Columbus Day
Friday, Oct. 12	End of First Marking Period
Saturday, Oct. 13	SAT Exams
Friday, Oct. 19	No Student Attendance – Staff Development Day
Saturday, Oct. 20	PSAT Exams
Tuesday, Oct. 16	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Oct. 24	Distribution of Report Cards
Thursday, Oct. 25	Parent Teacher Conferences 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26	Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28	Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set Clocks Back One Hour
Saturday, Nov. 3	SAT Exams
Monday, Nov. 5	Concerto Concert 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 6	No Student Attendance – Election Day
Monday, Nov. 12	School Closed – Veterans Day
Tuesday, Nov. 20	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, Nov. 21	End of Second Marking Period
Nov. 22 – Nov. 23	School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess
Saturday, Dec. 1	Stuyvesant Entrance Exam
Sunday, Dec. 2	Stuyvesant Entrance Exam
Wednesday, Dec. 5	Distribution of Report Cards
Saturday, Dec. 8	Stuyvesant Entrance Exam
Sunday, Dec. 9	Stuyvesant Entrance Exam
Tuesday, Dec. 18	PA General Meeting 7:00–9:00 p.m. (PA Hospitality* 6:30 p.m.)
Dec. 24 – Jan. 1	School Closed – Winter Recess
Wednesday, Jan. 2	School Reopens
Saturday, Jan. 12	Winter Concert and Art Show 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16 – Jan. 18	Final Exams
Monday, Jan. 21	School Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 22 – Jan. 25	Regents Exams
Monday, Jan. 28	No Student Attendance – Staff Development Day
Tuesday, Jan 29	Last Day of Fall Term – No Student Attendance
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Spring Term Begins
Feb. 18 – Feb. 22	Mid-winter Recess
Mar. 28 – April 5	Spring Recess
Monday, May 27	School Closed – Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 28	Last Day of School

* Meet your PA representatives. Talk to other parents. Coffee and cookies provided.

FACULTY PROFILE

Elizabeth Fong,
Assistant Principal of Biology
& Geological Science

The PA Bulletin had the opportunity to catch up with Elizabeth Fong, New Assistant Principal of Biology & Geological Science. Ms. Fong spoke about her career, her plans for the coming year, and offered insights into her educational philosophy:

"I come to Stuyvesant HS from a sister consortium school, Brooklyn Technical High School. Brooklyn Tech gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn and work with bright, motivated high school students. I was able to develop a very competitive and popular program called the Bio-med major. I coordinated the Biology Department for a few years, also coordinated the AP Biology program, and mentored students for science competitions and science fairs. Needless to say, the experiences and skills I developed and honed at Brooklyn Tech will be a wonderful segue in my new post at Stuyvesant High School.

I will teach the Freshman Biology course at Stuyvesant. I feel it is very important to be an effective motivator and guide to our 9th grade biology students. It is important not only to develop an appreciation for the discipline of Biology, but also to instill a love of learning and inquiry that will serve students throughout their lives. It is with this mindset, and with great anticipation and enthusiasm that I wait for the official start of the Fall 2001 semester at Stuyvesant High School."

Ms. Fong's studies have given her a concentration and interest in Anatomy & Physiology, microbiology, and management.

In addition, Elizabeth Fong has a small writing business called Fong's Writers Ink, specializing in science & technical writing. *Publications include Microbiology for Health Careers and Body Structure & Functions*, published by Delmar Publishers. She has also consulted for the New York City Hall of Science and for the High School Consortium.

Personal interests include gourmet cooking, travel, music—classical, opera, jazz, and Brazilian—science fiction reading, and physical fitness.

The Stuyvesant community extends a warm welcome and best wishes to Ms. Fong.

CONCERTO CONCERT Monday, November 5

Featuring our talented senior soloists accompanied by the Stuyvesant Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Bernard Lieberman

PA EXECUTIVE POSITIONS TO BE FILLED AT THE OCTOBER PA MEETING

At the beginning of each school year, the Parents' Association elects Members-At-Large from each class, and two School Leadership Team (SLT) Representatives from the freshman class. Nominations were taken from the floor at the September PA meeting. The election will be held at the October PA meeting, following a brief speech by each candidate.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the PA by running for an elected position. There are seven Members-At-Large: one parent from the senior class, one from the junior class, two from the sophomore class, and three from the freshman class.

Members-At Large represent their grade on the PA Executive board. The Executive Board usually meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings generally take place at the school, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and usually end around 8:30 p.m. In addition Members-At Large are expected to attend the PA's monthly General Meetings, and to be available to speak with parents during the Hospitality half-hour before each meeting. PA General Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. until about 9:00 p.m. Members-At-Large are also expected to volunteer at various PA activities during the year.

The School Leadership Team (SLT) consists of 10 parents, 5 administrators, 5 teachers and 5 students. The major tasks of the School Leadership Team are development of a Comprehensive Education Plan for the school, development of a budget/staffing plan in support of the Comprehensive Education Plan, and review of the Plan's effectiveness.

The ten parent representatives on the School Leadership Team are: the President of the PA, two parents from the senior class, three from the junior class, two from the sophomore class, and two from the freshman class. All except the freshman representatives are elected in the spring.

The School Leadership Team usually meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are held at the school from about 3:15 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Additional meetings are sometimes required. Members of the SLT may also serve on subcommittees which hold separate meetings.

SLT representatives are members of the PA Executive Board and are expected to attend Executive Board Meetings, and to be available to speak with parents the half-hour before each PA meeting.

If you have any questions about the role of a Member-At-Large, or any general questions about the election process, you can call May Umeki at (212) 772-1363. For questions about the role of an SLT representative, you may call Kathy Kline at (212) 724-9302.

Faculty Reception Volunteers Needed

On the night of parent/teacher conferences, the PA hosts a light supper for the teachers. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up between 3:00–6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 25th**. To volunteer, please call **Dorothy Schuster** at (718) 834-9346. **Please note that you need to be available at 3:00 p.m. to volunteer.** All parents may participate by sending a dessert with your son or daughter the morning of October 25 to be delivered to Room 105. Glatt Kosher desserts are welcome as are other ethnic specialties. Thank you.

— *Mary Salter & Dorothy Schuster, Chairs*
Faculty Reception/Open School Week Committee

DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE 2001–2002 STUYVESANT PARENT/STUDENT DIRECTORY

The PA produces a Parent/Student Directory, listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Stuyvesant students and their parents. We are updating the Directory now and invite you to be included in this edition. Due to privacy issues, the school is unable to provide us with the necessary information. Therefore, the only way to be included in the Directory is for you to provide the information. Directories are available at PA events throughout the year. Please use the form on the back of this issue of the Bulletin if you wish to be included in the Directory, or you can fill out a form at the September PA meeting. (PA dues are not a prerequisite for inclusion in the Directory.) If you were included in a previous Directory you will be automatically be included in the current edition. Please submit a new form if you need to update your information. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Padukone at (212) 924-4538.

Official Notice October Elections For 2001-2002 Parent's Association of Stuyvesant High School

At the General Meeting of the Parents' Association on October 23, 2001, elections will be held for Members-At-Large from each class and Delegates to the School Leadership Team from the freshman class. In accordance with PA Bylaws, the membership is hereby notified of the complete list of candidates for these positions.

*Freshman Parent Delegate to the
School Leadership Team
(elect 2)*

Joan Giambusso
Douglas Hedwig
Jean Claude Kaufmann
Nam K. Lee
Felice J. Perlman

Freshman Parent Member-At-Large (elect 3)

Teresa Goudie
Elizabeth Lee
Elizabeth Roistacher
Richard Roth

*Sophomore Parent Member-At-Large
(elect 2)*

Melanie Arwin
Sankar Chakraborty
Lorraine Gardner
Saberah Malik
Nina Padukone
Bonnie Song
Janusz Wojciechowski

Junior Parent Member-At-Large (elect 1)

Norman Ellis
Roger Kim
Edward Suh
Lissette Vélez de Intriago
Pamela Wheaton

Senior Parent Member-At-Large (elect 1)

Jeanne Chin
Edward Regan

PA Executive Board Meetings will be held at 6:15 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room on the following dates: October 15, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 5, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11.

From the Independent Research Committee

Volunteers are needed for the Independent Research Competition Reception. Any parents interested in helping at this event please call **Lisette Véléz de Intriago** at (718) 591-0494.

COLLEGE COLUMN

College Office Profiles:

Pat Cleary, Maryann Ferrara

Pat Cleary has been a member of the Stuyvesant College Office for the past 1 and 1/2 years. She has worked closely with Carol Katz and is familiar with the goals and expectations of the specialized HS students with respect to college admission. Pat comes from the Midwest; she attended the University of Indiana where she earned a BS in Anthropology and Library Science. She also has a Master's in Counseling and a Professional Diploma in Administration.

Pat has worked as a NYC counselor for 15 years, the past 7 at the Manhattan Center for Science and Mathematics. At MCSM, she worked in the college office for one year.

Ms. Ferrara, new in her role as College Advisor, is of course very familiar to Stuyvesant students and parents as a popular math teacher, grade advisor and, last year, as ARISTA advisor.

Pat and Maryann are already working diligently to assist our Seniors in the college application process. Pat Cleary plans to speak about the college process at our November 20th PA meeting.

— *Kathy Kline*

Invitation from Marilena Christodoulou, PA President

GET INVOLVED IN THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION !

I would like to extend an invitation to all new and returning parents to become actively involved in the Parents' Association. Your participation will help the school and the students in many important ways, and, at the same time, enable you to meet and make friends with other parents who have similar aspirations and concerns as you do. Please do not let any cultural differences or language difficulties stop you from becoming involved in the PA. I truly believe that the "Stuyvesant Family" is enriched by its diversity. Together we will do our best to overcome any difficulty.

The PA offers you a number of ways to be involved:

- We keep you informed. Through this monthly PA Bulletin, our Web site (www.stuyapa.org), and our monthly general meeting, we provide you with useful information on events, issues, and opportunities that affect your child's academic life. The PA general meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. following an informal half-hour get-together with other parents. Frequently, you will learn some important piece of information that your child may have missed, such as the deadline for registration for Advanced Placement courses or college scholarship offers.
- We offer you all kinds of opportunities to participate in PA-sponsored functions and activities. The PA organizes a number of important functions and special events throughout the year: college night, incoming family orientation, fundraising, faculty and student recep-

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October Deadlines

- Oct. 5 Deadline for students applying Early Decision or Early Action to sign up in the college office
- Oct. 9-10 Senior College Seminars
- Oct. 10 Deadline for Late Registration for Nov. 3rd SAT I and II (additional fee)
- Oct. 13 SAT I and SAT II are administered
- Oct. 15 Secondary School Report Form of Early Decision/Early Action Application due in the College Office
- Oct. 20 PSAT is administered
- Oct. 27 Deadline for regular registration for Dec. 1st SAT I and SAT II
- Oct. 31 Deadline for submitting the College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE application for early decision/early action candidates.

November Deadlines

- Nov. 1-2 First filing date for SUNY
- Nov. 3 SAT I and SAT II are administered
- Nov. 8 Deadline for Late Registration for Dec 1st SAT I and II (additional fee)
- Nov. 8-9 First filing date for CUNY
- Nov. 12-26 If your earliest college deadline is January 1—or earlier—all of your SSR forms and envelopes must be filed in the College Office during this time period

December Deadlines

- Dec. 3-4 Second Filing Dates for SUNY
- Dec. 1 SAT I and II are administered
- Dec. 21 Deadline for Jan 26th SAT I and SAT II Registration

January Deadlines

- File FAFSA (financial aid) forms as soon as possible after Jan 1, but not before.
- Jan. 2 Deadline for Late Registration for Jan 26th SAT I & II (additional fee)
- Jan. 2 SSR envelopes for schools with January 15th or later deadlines due in the College Office
- Jan. 3-4 Second filing dates for CUNY applications
- Jan. 7-8 Third filing dates for SUNY
- Jan. 11-25 Mid-year Report Envelopes due in the College Office
- Jan. 26 SAT I and SAT II are administered

THE MOST VALUABLE TOOL FOR UNDERSTANDING THE COLLEGE PROCESS IS THE STUYVESANT COLLEGE HANDBOOK.

Families are asked to speak with their daughters/sons and look in The College Handbook for answers about deadlines and filling in forms. The College Office needs to devote its time and resources to addressing problems and concerns of applicants and their families.

STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL PA MEETING AT BROOKLYN TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Minutes – Draft

Parents' Association **President Marilena Christodoulou** opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. A moment of silence in honor of the victims of the WTC terrorist attack was observed followed by the singing of *God Bless America*. A Cappella Choir members Ada Ng, Allison Keene, Shari Abrams and Alexander Brash led the audience.

Marilena began by thanking the Brooklyn Tech community for its hospitality. She then thanked the teachers, the Principal, and the administration who are working under hardship conditions to educate our children. Special thanks went also to Mr. Blaufarb, his guidance team, and to two of our parent volunteers Judy Moore and Ellen Krug for the effective counseling and guidance arrangements.

Marilena continued by thanking all parents for their support. Chancellor Levy heard from so many parents about the safety and educational concerns of having 4 overlapping periods and a population of 8,000 in the school at the same time, that he agreed to change the original plan. This plan called for 40 classes (approx. 1,400 students) to be conducted in the auditorium simultaneously, and for about 2,000 students sharing the cafeteria at one time. We now have a split schedule and classrooms for all. The major problem we are facing now is the 26-minute period resulting in a 14-minute loss of instructional time in every class. The Board of Ed has given us assurances they will provide the resources necessary to make up this deficiency in instruction.

Marilena also gave special recognition to Stuy parent webmaster Bernard Rivers whose efforts provided a "lifeline" for our community and to Stuy parent Sol Stern who provided the PA with a direct line of communication to Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld.

The main issue now is the students' return to Stuyvesant and to a normal routine as soon as possible. Chancellor Levy announced on Channel 13 last night that the Office of Emergency Management has already moved the recovery workers out of Stuyvesant. Following a thorough cleanup and testing we could be back by October 9. The overriding concern is that everyone returns to a safe environment. The Board of Ed will be using their own experts to certify the safety of the environment. The PA has also retained independent experts. Stuyvesant parent Charles Mauro has coordinated the effort. Engineer Ed Martinez, working *pro bono*, has inspected the electrical & mechanical systems of the school. Mr. Martinez is associated with the firm of Cosentini & Coy, the firm originally involved in the school's construction. Another engineer (and Stuy parent) Tim Barnard working *pro bono* has advised that the building is structurally sound. David Newman, an industrial hygienist from NYCOSH will advise on air quality and cleanup. A meeting has been scheduled for September 26; PA Board representatives have been invited to join Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld and Board of Ed environmental experts. More information will be posted on the website. Marilena finished her comments by reminding us that education is not only what we learn, but also how we live our lives, moving forward in a civilized cooperative way.

First Vice President Sheldon Stachel thanked the parents for offering their expertise to support our children. Sheldon also thanked Marilena (to enthusiastic applause) for her tireless and devoted leadership during this difficult time.

Treasurer Donovan Moore advised letters of support have been sent to Stuyvesant from all over the country. We have heard from alumni, parents of alumni, and fellow public schools stretching from New York to Oregon and London. The PA has established a Recovery Fund and contributions will be used to help the school going forward; the financial needs will probably be quite large.

Principal Stanley Teitel took the podium next and proceeded to thank Marilena Christodoulou and the PA for "moving mountains". Stan went on to

report that students have adjusted well to their temporary home, instruction is taking place, homework is given. Attendance is at 97% or better for both students and faculty. Brooklyn Tech students use the school from 7:15 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. and Stuy students are in the building from 1:30 p.m. to 6:28 p.m. Students' schedules and teachers have remained the same as before. Upon dismissal students are required to leave the building and start making their way home. Fort Greene Park should be avoided at all times. Some teams are practicing in various locations; Homecoming is on Sunday October 7 at the Kennedy HS Field in the Bronx. Directions to the field are available on www.stuyppa.org. Clubs and pubs are not meeting, but advisors are attempting to make arrangements. The Stuy website www.stuy.edu is back on line. The administration needs approximately 24 hours to notify parents and students by letter and through the website about the return to the Stuyvesant building and to regular hours. Stanley Teitel also briefly addressed concerns about the evacuation by stating that every decision he made as to whether students should stay or leave the school was made with the students' safety in mind. No one was injured when the whole school numbering approx. 3,300 was evacuated.

David Klasfeld, Deputy Chancellor for Operations spoke next. He noted that "the PA has done a remarkable job acting as an effective and responsible advocate for your children". Specialized cleaning crews will start working at Stuyvesant tomorrow morning operating in 12-hour shifts, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The cleanup cost is expected to exceed \$1 million. All necessary precautions will be taken to ensure a safe environment for all prior to the planned relocation date of October 9. The Board of Ed will keep the PA advised of all actions taken. The Deputy Chancellor has been in constant communication with PA President Marilena Christodoulou and will continue to do so throughout this process. A meeting will take place tomorrow with Board of Education officials, PA Board representatives and various experts to review appropriate guidelines, standards and environmental protocols. Testing and retesting will take place until it is documented that there are no health and safety issues which may compromise the well-being of students, administration, faculty and staff.

Gene Blaufarb, AP Guidance, joined by parent volunteer Ellen Krug, discussed the counseling arrangements in place. There are 4 teams of counselors: the In-House Guidance staff, the Superintendent's Crisis Intervention Team, counselors from the Youth Counseling League (part of the Jewish Board of Guardians) and Parents' Association volunteer clinicians. Gene said that both Judy Moore and Ellen Krug were "absolutely incredible" in their support. There are three concerns: dealing with the trauma from the event, dealing with the trauma caused by the response to the event and dealing with the trauma when students return to their own school.

Right now students (and teachers also) are in "survivor mode", they are not focusing on how they feel, they are focused on getting through the day. On Friday, right after the school relocated to Brooklyn Tech, all students were visited in class by counselors. Starting next week, on Monday, Thursday and Friday group workshops in stress management and group peer counseling will be available. Teenagers are hesitant about coming forward, they often regard the seeking of counseling as "not cool". Parents are therefore urged to speak with their children and encourage them to take advantage of available counseling. In addition Mr. Blaufarb has arranged that all students receive free lunch, so there is one less thing for them to worry about, but also important because of the time constraints of the 26-minute periods. Counseling will continue on a regular basis after the move back to Stuyvesant.

Both Mr. Blaufarb and Ellen Krug gave the following advice: take care of your children but also take care of yourselves. Be patient with them, keep

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loving them; go back to a normal routine and keep talking with your children, keep observing and keep listening. Adolescents tend to be self-centered and apt to turn to their peers in times like this. This is going to help them be resilient. Cooperation and dialogue between home and school will help our children get through this difficult time.

The College Office is open in Room 1N8. The office will stay open until 7:30 p.m. each day, with security escorts provided to the subway afterwards.

In conclusion Mr. Blaufarb commented that the school has come together in an extraordinary way; he believes that when we reflect back on this experience we will be able to say that "this was our finest hour."

Following Mr. Blaufarb's remarks, the meeting was opened to **questions from the floor.**

Several concerns were addressed:

- A plan will be worked out after the students' return to Stuyvesant with the goal of making up lost instructional time. Cost is not a consideration.
- It is not possible to have new books ordered. Some students are using books available at Brooklyn Tech compatible with our curriculum, some students will be able to "buddy-up", teachers will photocopy chapters.
- The school has already addressed feelings of resentment that may be directed at people of color. It has been repeated over and over that racism and bigotry have no place in our community. During social studies classes discussions are taking place about "labeling" and "assigning blame" with the clear message that it is unacceptable and unfair to do so in our society.
- **Bernard Orlan**, Director of School Environmental Health & Safety with the Board of Education together with **Deputy Chancellor David Klasfeld** addressed **safety concerns** related to the planned relocation. Both reiterated that **safety is the overriding objective**. Several teams of experts will coordinate the effort. The PA has its own team, the UFT has also hired its own experts. Environmental companies certified by NY State and NY City will be used for the cleanup supplemented by regular custodian assistance. Scrubbing of heating & ventilation systems will occur; air filters will be replaced. Extensive testing of the air and water quality will take place. Protocols used and results will be shared with the PA, UFT and the Environmental Protection Agency. A joint meeting will take place on September 26 at the Deputy Chancellor's office; PA Board representatives and UFT representatives have been invited.

Business

Minutes of the June 12, 2001 General Membership Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer Donovan Moore gave the Treasurer's report: as per the Approved 2001-02 Budget \$165,865.40 are available for the Wish List. Donovan Moore also presented the 2001-02 Wish List approved by the Appropriations Committee. Wish List items total \$183,562. Donovan explained that despite the indicated shortfall we have enough money to cover all wish list items because there are funds left over from previous years. The Appropriations Committee reserves the right to amend the Wish List depending on what financial needs arise upon return to Stuyvesant. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Wish List as presented. Wish List was approved unanimously.

Nominations were taken for the Members-At-Large and Freshman School Leadership Team delegates. All nominees turned in completed forms. Candidates will have one minute to speak at the October General PA Meeting; elections will follow immediately upon conclusion of the candidates' speeches. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. Motion was approved unanimously.

Marilena Christodoulou presented for approval the **Standing Committee Chairs** as follows:

College: Carol Edgar

Communications: Edward Regan

Family Orientation/Open House: Fran Meyerson

Faculty Reception/Open School Week: Mary Salter, Dorothy Schuster

Hospitality: Jeanne Chin, Paula Ruben

Independent Research Committee: Lissette Vélez de Intriago

Membership Outreach: Johanna Choy, Agnes Park, Joanna Peters

Phonathon/Fundraising: Angela Fremont-Appel

Program/Presentations: Marjorie Blackman

Scholarship: Denis Meadows

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the selection of committee chairs. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

—Lillian Brash, Corresponding Secretary

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tions, membership outreach, communications, and scholarships, to name a few. None of these functions would be possible without the enthusiastic participation of the parents. Please join a committee and help us provide the greatest possible benefit to the school and our children.

- We offer you the responsibility of holding an office on the PA Executive Board and/or the School Leadership Team (SLT). Starting with the 1999-2000 school year, the Board of Education empowered parents to play a greater role in the development of their school's educational programs. This is achieved through parents' participation in the SLT, which also includes representatives from the administration, faculty and students. At our October PA meeting, we will be electing two (2) freshman class parents to the School Leadership Team and seven (7) Members-at-Large to the PA Executive Board. I hope to see many of you at our various events and I look forward to working with you.

— Marilena Christodoulou,
President of Stuyvesant Parents' Association
Senior Class Parent

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2001–2002

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