Meeting of the General Membership  
Meeting via Zoom on June 15, 2021

1. President’s Report: Jung Min Lee
   a. Welcomed everyone and is happy to welcome the new Executive Board, thanked parents and Brooke
   b. She had a great experience being the PA president and was happy to have had that voice in the community
   c. A special guest was invited to speak to us tonight
   d. There are big changes happening now in NYC schools
      i. The “have nots” are the ones who have and the “haves” now are the have nots
      ii. Remember as the haves, you have the power to make change

2. The special guest, Dr. Jackie Cody, spoke
   a. She is President of the (new) Manhattan Presidents’ Council
   b. She discussed the Gifted & Talented program and changes taking place
   c. The DOE should not be able to make these monumental changes without parent input
   d. To reach equity you don’t take away from one group to give to another group
   e. Her new quote is, “Don’t hate, emulate”

3. Principal’s Report: Brooke Jackson
   a. Wants to express tremendous gratitude to all the parents, especially the ones who kept showing up, it was a terrifying year
   b. We are all always doing the best that we can, and so are the students
   c. Take pride in your parenting, it’s the hardest job
   d. She’s around all summer if you have thoughts you want to share

4. SLT Report: Iris Schaer
   a. Waiting on a budget
   b. Touched on admissions and what admissions rubric will look like
   c. A nice mix now for next year’s class
   d. Jung Min asked Brooke how the staff is handling all of the changes, cancel culture, diversity issues, etc.
      i. The staff has been discussing, need all voices, all perspectives, everyone has access to human rights, must be able to speak our truths
      ii. As students are working on their Expo projects for Friday, different ideas are emerging about what is the goal of education, we need questioning

5. Treasurer’s Report: Jill Bregenzer
   a. Direct Appeal brought in $67,000 thru June
   b. $8,000 is being given for graduation
   c. The $100,000 scholarship, split among 10 students each receiving $10,000, was never PA money, but flowed thru the PA
      i. Brooke added that they had intended to announce the recipients of the scholarships
      ii. They do plan to do something public about it

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6. Committee Reports:
   a. Merchandise: Brooke will help them connect to the new students
   b. Membership: Fran just added on the list so 2025 parents can add themselves
   c. Nominations: Matthew Chook
      i. It was an uncontested election for the Executive Board (he shared the screen showing the 2021-2022 Executive Board), we voted by hand or in the chat and all were in favor
      ii. SLT election to be held now
         1. Equal number of parents and staff members, 5 of each
         2. As the PA President is automatically one of the members, 4 parent members need to be elected now
            a. The 4 parents nominated were Anja Wood, Judi Kende, Deborah Goldberg and Noel Mihalow
            b. All accepted their nominations, they were voted in with no one opposed or abstaining
      iii. Matt thanked Brooke, everyone who came to the meetings, Lisa S. and Debbie F.

7. Jung Min’s Concluding Thoughts:
   a. She thanked Matt, Lisa and Debbie
   b. It’s been such a difficult year, especially to hold elections during a pandemic
   c. Emphasized parent leadership is needed
      i. Jung Min asked the incoming President, Emily, if she herself (Jung Min) could be the Manhattan President’s Council member for our school
      ii. Emily wants to be in that position, as she had discussed with Jung Min previously
   d. September 13th is the first day of school
   e. Have a wonderful summer!