# tam-kuke

for student union

"renovate. redefine. restore."

Campaign Policies

#### Purpose

We look in the future as we attempt to better the student experience at Stuyvesant High School. The Student Union will offer us the platform to push for changes at an unprecedented level, allowing us to restore the many facets of the administration.

We can assure you that if we are elected, we will change the Student Union and the school for the better. First and foremost, we will serve the needs of the students, making sure to keep their needs in our priorities. All in the meanwhile, we will keep a check on the Student Union itself, making sure that its power is not being used in a corrupt way for the purpose of self-benefit.

We know that our ideas will face obstacles in the process of their implementation, but we are willing to overcome them and adapt. Our goals may be ambitious, however, we are equally, if not more so. If elected, we will not stop until the well-deserving student body receives the necessary tools and care to enrich their Stuyvesant experience.

Sincerely, Peter & Ted

#### Redefining Student Union Roles

- Ambiguous Student Union staff roles, as defined in the Constitution, are going to be identified and designated.
- Impeachment Proceedings Refined
  - If legitimate reason has been offered for impeachment by the student body, a trial will be held given the approval of the Coordinator of Student Affairs, in which % of Student Congress will have to vote in favor of impeachment.
  - Student Congress may also motion for impeachment, following similar proceedings.
- Increased Student Union Presence
  - The Student Union should have the ability to intervene in and report activity to the administration in:
    - any conversation deemed controversial by the majority of Student Union members, the Coordinator of Student Affairs, and the administration that involves Stuyvesant students
    - any threats involving Stuyvesant High School students and staff
    - any physical altercations involving Stuyvesant students
    - or any situation deemed necessary by the Student Union President and Vice President and the Communications Department
  - The Student Union will be obligated to release, with no exceptions, all information unless otherwise stated by the Coordinator of Student Affairs including but not limited to:
    - Budgeting and Spending
    - Communications with outside organizations
    - Internal memos
  - The Student Union must, with no exception, release weekly forms of communication to the student body

- The Student Union will work in conjunction with Mrs. Ingram and Mr. Blumm
- The Student Union must strive to continuously update all media, websites, and accounts with current and factual information

## <u>Increase Student Representation</u>

#### - Amended Student Forums

- Open physical platforms for all students to voice their concerns with the Student Union present, and where minutes will be taken and posted.
- All concerns are relayed directly to the administration for further discussions

#### - Student Congress

- Comprised of homeroom representatives, two from each homeroom. Homeroom representatives are voted by homeroom peers.
  - Homeroom teacher approves a maximum of four tickets to run for homeroom representative per homeroom, and an extended homeroom period will be held whereby homeroom representative candidates will campaign and voting procedures take place.
  - Homeroom representatives can only serve one term at a time, which will be one semester. They can be voted on again, requiring the same elective process.
- Student Congress is able to vote on any issue that is involved with the SU, thus giving more power and legitimacy to the individual student.

### Improving Student Life

- Homework
  - Stricter crackdown on homework disparities
    - Students can contact SU anonymously to report grossly excessive homework.
  - Mediate friendly constructive meetings with teachers who are accused of inadvertently giving too much homework.
  - Consolidation of grading systems into the Jupiter Ed system for student and staff convenience
    - The Student Union will aid in transitioning teachers and students from different systems
- Dances/Semis/Formals
  - Increased frequency of these, for the purpose of relieving stress and deterring academic burnout.
  - A decrease in the entry price that is deemed both beneficial and necessary for students and the SU by the Budget Committee and the Student Congress
- Broadened Financial Aid for extracurricular events.
  - Thus allowing students to enjoy a much richer and more capable host of extracurriculars in order to destress and enrich.
  - Finances will be drawn from the Student Union 6-figure budget provided by the PA and various fundraisers.
  - Consideration for aid will be based on:
    - Size of club
    - Number of members who qualify for financial aid
    - The educational value of activities
- Increasing connections with Alumni and outside professionals
  - Managed by a subdivision of the External Affairs department

- Purposed to give students a wider selection and broader awareness of future industry status,
  - In order to allow students a more knowledgeable selection of future careers.
- Improved standards of health and sanitation through the school through:
  - Renovation of bathrooms
    - Installation of automatic hand sanitizer stations outside every student bathroom
    - Installation of automatic faucets and automatic side-mounted soap dispensers in every bathroom
  - Emphasizing cleanliness throughout the school by
    - Encouraging use of waste receptacles
    - Renewing janitorial equipment as needed to provide increased efficiency and morale of janitors
    - Collaborating with the Wellness Council and other clubs