

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
June 10, 2015**

1. Call to Order: Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:05 PM.

2. Approval of the April, 2015 Minutes: Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

3. Principal's Report:

-Dr. Donohue advised that she was on her way to a meeting with Bronx Science alumni and that she would be presenting the "State of the School" to them. The same presentation she gave the PA at the May meeting.

-She stated that she enjoyed working with the PA this year and appreciated the parent's support.

-Dr. Donohue stated that the school year was ending on a "high note" with the following recent events:

-Production of the musical Urinetown

-Spring Concert

-Senior Awards and Sports Awards

-Visiting speakers including Samantha Powers, US Ambassador to the United Nations

-Dr. Donohue stated that she is looking forward to graduation.

-A question was asked about the recent Hackathon and Dr. Donohue explained that it went very well. About 75 students participated and they had a range of coding experience. The students created video games and applications. It was a fun day and there is a plan to do it again next year.

-A question was asked about college placements. She responded that there was a more full explanation at last month's PA meeting but the class of 2015 had done well with more students gaining acceptance to schools like Michigan and Princeton that in past years.

4.Nominating Committee. The Committee introduced themselves as Claire Bienen, Shanti Knock, Liza Lagunoff.

-Ms. Lagunoff read the existing slate of nominations

-The Nominating Committee then requested any nominations from the floor. These nominations were taken position by position as follows. Requests for each position were made three times.

Co-President- Anna Schuchmann nominated Ellen Dubin & Elizabeth Newberry . These nominees withdrew their names from prior nominations.

1st Vice President- Ellen Dubin nominated Amy Davidson. This nominee withdrew her name from prior nomination

2nd Vice President- none

Treasurer- none

Assistant Treasurer- Ellen Dubin nominated Sudeep Kundu

Co-Recording Secretaries- Ellen Dubin nominated Ingrid Devita and Gordon Bakoulis

(Claire Bienen stated that in the past the Executive Board has had 2 people in this position but a number is not specified in the by-laws so that in this election there will be 3 nominees and 3

positions. The PA membership was asked if anyone opposed. There was no members opposed to
3 Co-Recording Secretaries
Corresponding/Communications Secretary- none
Members –at-Large- Aley Fatma self-nominated

A motion was made to accept the nominations. The motion was seconded and the uncontested
slate unanimously approved as follows:

Co-Presidents: Ellen Dubin & Elizabeth Newberry

First Vice-President: Amy Davidson

Second Vice-President: Anna Schuchmann

Treasurer: Heidi Moustakas

Asst. Treasurer: Sudeep Kundu

Co-Recording Secretaries: Elizabeth Langwith, Ingrid Devita, Gordon Bakoulis

Communications/Recording Secretary: Heather Gibble

Members-at-large: LiXu Chen, Pam Godwin, Weimin Huang, Moses Rayas, Aley Fatma

Ellen Dubin thanked Co-President Patrick Gibbons for his service.

5. Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Marcia Mason reported that Annual Appeal surpassed its goal as well as the amount raised last year. She explained that there was \$400,000 “in the bank” and there was a hope that next year some portion of the surplus would be budgeted for a potential beautification project. Annual Appeal participation is lower than hoped for at roughly 24-30%. A parent suggested a final blast to ask for support for this year’s Annual Appeal. A question was asked as to why more was raised and the response was large gift amounts rather than more participation. Participation rates also can affect the success of grant applications so there will be a continued effort to increase participation.

Mr. Gibbons put the budget to a vote. A question from Glen Price came up about the \$400k surplus and continuing to roll it over. Senior dues and Senior Expenses are roughly \$375-450 plus other extracurricular costs and activities. A request was made to consider a budget offset for these expenses. The PA can vote on how to spend the excess monies in future years. The Asst. Treasurer explained that the PA was still expecting significant teacher requests to come in before the end of June. After extensive discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve a \$37,500 to rebate to Seniors for this year’s senior expenses. A vote was taken and the hand count was 13 in favor and 23 opposed. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made to adopt the proposed budget. The motion was seconded and the budget approved.

6. SLT Nominations

The current slate of SLT nominations was read. Nominations from the floor were taken.

-Patrick Gibbons was nominated from the floor.

Four nominees gave or had read on their behalf brief biographical statements.

Phil Burnett- Sophomore parent with an incoming freshman as well. Experience on SLTs

Aley Fatma- Parent of 2 high school students. Prior experience serving on SLTs

Patrick Gibbons- Sophomore parent. Current PA Rep to the SLT and current Co-President of the PA

Barbara Reiser- Freshman parent. Prior SLT experience at Stuyvesant

Rose Ann Watson Antsy did not present a statement but it was mentioned that she has served on Bronx Science SLT for 2 years.

The SLT nominees were as follows. Instructions were given to vote for 3 candidates.

Rose Ann Watson Antsy

Phil Burnett

Aley Fatma

Patrick Gibbons

Barbara Reiser

7. Thank You:

Patrick Gibbons individually thanked the Senior parents on the PA Executive Board for their service.

8. Special Presentation:

Five recent graduates returned to discuss their college experiences. Patrick Gibbons moderated the discussion and then opened the discussion for Q&A. The students who participated were: Israel Sanchez, Evan Tatnall, Julian Adler, Maggie Calmer and Anna Ziemski.

9. SLT Results:

The election results were announced with the election of the following SLT members for 2015-16:

Phil Burnett

Patrick Gibbons

Barbara Reiser

10. Adjournment:

The PA meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm