

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF  
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting  
May 13, 2014**

**1. Call to Order:** Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:14 PM.

**2. Approval of the September, 2014 Minutes:** Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Marcia Masons noted that for FY 2014 the Annual Appeal has raised approximately \$61,000 to date. Few expenses have been incurred at this point in the school year.

**4. President's Report:**

-The following upcoming events were announced:

Fall Open House for prospective students 10/22

Breakfast with the Principal 10/23

Parent Teacher Conferences 10/29-30

November PA Meeting with the topic being a discussion of the ACT/SAT 11/12

Annual Appeal Phonathon 11/19-20. Volunteers were requested for the upcoming Phonathon

- The election of Freshman SLT and Executive Board members was announced.

Freshman PA Representative- Although four parents originally were nominated in the end only one person decided to run. Therefore this is an uncontested election. Amy Davidson was introduced and spoke briefly on her experience with the Anderson Parent's Association and Auction. An official show of hands approved Amy Davidson as the Freshman PA Representative.

SLT position- There are 6 candidates for the position. Ballots were distributed. The nominees are Darrell Bridgers, Chris Franklin, Jodi Kule, Betsy Mak, Cindy Motz and Paula Smeu. Darrell Bridgers was not in attendance. All other nominees briefly introduced themselves with some comments as to their backgrounds. Ballots were collected. At the end of the meeting the ballots were tabulated and Jodie Kule was announced as the Freshman Representative.

**5. Guest Speaker- Kalman Chany**

Patrick Gibbons introduced the featured speaker, Kalman Chany. Mr. Chany is a nationally recognized expert on educational financing. He is the founder and President of Campus Consultants, Inc., a Manhattan based financial advisory firm. He is also the author of [Paying for College Without Going Broke](#).

Mr. Chany explained that there is no "cookbook" approach to college financing. He suggests to be a good educated consumer and beware the marketing approaches of many colleges. He explained that there are various types of financial aid including merit aid and need based aid. The slide show he then presented is available on his website [www.campusconsultants.com](http://www.campusconsultants.com). He also has a Financial Aid 101 tutorial available on his website. His four takeaways were as follows:

-Be an educated consumer

-Calculate financial "need" and aid eligibility

-Plan ahead to increase "need"

-File forms by the deadlines.

-Merit scholarships still require forms to be filed

Mr. Chany finished up with a brief Q&A.

**6. Adjournment**

The PA meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.