

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE**

Minutes, General Meeting

9 February 2011

PA co-president Anne Reingold and Debbie Coutavas called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Attendance & Minutes:

An attendance sheet was taken and is on file.

Announcements:

On March 2, the next meeting, PA Principal Reidy will hold a town meeting at which parents can ask questions or address issues on any Bronx Science concerns. Volunteers are needed for the Open House event on Feb. 16th for newly accepted students. Volunteers are needed for the staff appreciation dinner on March 17. The PA is seeking parents to help recruit candidates for open PA positions for next year and to organize PA elections.

Course Selection:

The Co-Presidents introduced Miss Rocchio, Assistant Principal for Foreign Languages, who referred to the Course Guide on the school web site (under "Academics"). The elective period for choosing courses for September has been extended. For some courses, special permission is required. Criteria include: attendance, participation, recommendations, placement tests, grades, and writing samples. If a child does not apply or get accepted to special permission classes, the child is programmed for regular classes; students are also obligated to take a number of required classes. Getting admitted to a class does not mean the student must take it. It's a three-phase process: application, acceptance, decision. Short presentations were made by representatives of each department. Decision day is Monday, March 21; registration period is a month. Seats in the special permission courses are saved, so there is no need for immediate enrollment.

Treasurer's Report:

Hannah Li circulated the Treasurer's Report for July 2010 to Feb. 1, 2011.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting is March 2.

- Bob Crease, Recording Secretary