

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
February 5th, 2013**

1. Call to Order: Co-President Cary Sheren commenced tonight's meeting at 7:05 PM. Mr. Larry Sit announced that Chinese translation services are available

2. Approval of the January, 2013 Minutes: Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

3. Treasurer's Report: Martha Stratis: Treasurer Martha Stratis distributed FY 2013 report. Ms. Stratis announced that the budget has been reconciled for FY 2012. She reported on the current income and expenses.

4. Co-Presidents' Report: Cary Sheren and Adam Stern

Old Business

Ms. Sheren announced that acknowledgements for Phone-A-Thon donations will be sent electronically to all of those families who have registered their email address with the PA. she noted that this reduces PA postage expenses and encouraged families to register their email addresses with the PA.

Ms. Sheren reported that the annual auction will be Friday, June 7, 2013 from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. It will be held at Landmark on the Park at 76th Street and Central Park West. Ms. Sheren provided details on the set up, crew, staffing, etc. There will not be a sit down dinner, but rather food stations similar to a buffet. Lonnie Quinn from CBS will "MC" the auction. Cliff Stanton will coordinate the raffle. Ms. Sheren thanked Tracy Shelton and Edan Segal for all of their efforts. Incoming freshman parents will be invited. Volunteers will be needed to assist at the auction.

5. Special Program-Course Selection Process: Guidance Department

Ms. Lisa Rocchio, Assistant Principal for Foreign Language and Music, reported on the BxHSS Course Selection Process. Ms. Rocchio announced that her discussion would follow the powerpoint slide presentation. Paper copies of the powerpoint presentation were distributed to all parents. Ms. Rocchio announced that the powerpoint presentation would also be posted on the BxHSS and PA websites.

Ms. Rocchio reported that the course selection process has begun. Freshman students receive direct instructions from their guidance counselors next week (the week of 2/11/13). Sophomores and juniors have already met with their guidance counselors in small groups.

Ms. Rocchio discussed the course selection process. She referred parents to the specific slides to follow her presentation. The major slides are as follows:

How will my child select a program for September, 2013.,

Who is involved?,

Timelines.,
What is NAVIANCE?,
Friday February 22, 2013,
Monday, February 25th: Elective Day.,
What are Special Permission Classes?,
Who is EXCLUDED from Special Permission Classes?,
Application Period.,
March 8th: Registration Opens on NAVIANCE.,
March 22nd at NOON: Registration Ends.,
IMPORTANT TO KNOW.
CRUCIAL.

The Course Selection Process program presentation concluded and the floor was opened to questions and answers.

6. Announcements: Adam Stern

- a. Mr. Stern announced that the next SLT Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th from 4-6pm.
- b. Mr. Stern reminded parents of the upcoming Winter College Night from 7-9pm. This event is open to juniors and sophomore families.
- c. Mr. Stern announced that Breakfast with the Principal Reidy is Thursday, February 14th from 9-10:30 am.
- d. Mr. Stern announced that the next Parents' Association Meeting is March 6th, 7:00pm Parent to Parent
- e. Please consider using the companies that sponsor our PA meetings and advertise in our E-Blasts.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM