PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Minutes, General Meeting
1 June 2011

PA President Anne Reingold opened the meeting at 7:10.

Attendance: Attendance was taken and on file. Minutes of the 11 May 2011 meeting were approved.

Announcements: We need volunteers for our safety and hospitality committees. It is not too late to donate to the PA; you can send it in or give us a check. Look for a mailing from the PA in August about our first PA meeting in September and other important information and updates. Upcoming events include the June 8 open house, and the June 9 orientation for incoming students.

Principal's Report: Principal Valerie Reidy said there was no news on the budget. Two new labs will be finished during the summer. She spoke about her efforts to keep the construction across the school from affecting school activity. She thanked everyone who participated in the school survey and quality review.

Treasurer's Report: We expressed our heartfelt gratitude to Hannah Li, who is "graduating;" she got a round of applause. Hannah circulated and discussed the Treasurer's Report, July 1, 2010-June 1, 2011, with a total balance of \$203,748.67. If you have questions, email her. She circulated and went over draft Budget Lines for 2011-2. Most items were unchanged; the biggest alterations were a cut in the College Office and an increase in Senior Expenses. The proposed budget involved transferring slightly over \$10K from the CD. The budget was unanimously approved.

Committee Reports: James Charles spoke about Safety Committee activities, and asked for volunteers for next year. We all expressed our warm thanks to Richard Barr, another graduating PA member; Richard spoke about construction across the street – which will restrict Goulden Lane to a single lane in the fall -- and the looming teacher layoffs. Cary Sheren and Ruth Miller spoke about fundraising; shopping through OneCause – finding the school menu and clicking on Bronx Science -- raises money for the school.

Elections: Elected PA members were:

Co-Presidents: Anne Reingold and Cary Sheren

1st VP: Rama Chitti

Treasurer: Natasha Sawh

2nd VP: Lavinia Galatis

Co-Recording Secretaries: Bob Crease, Sara Stern

Communications Secretary: OPEN

At-Large: Jody Greenberg, Eileen Melniker, John Munk, Christine Rhodes, Larry Sit.

Elected SLT members were: Elaine Angelides Kopp, Adam Stern (2-year slots); Nancy Litsas (1-year slot).

The proposed revisions to the By Laws were approved unanimously.

Special Topic: "The College Process and the Transition to College." Special guest speakers were recent alum and graduated parents.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05. The date of the September meeting will be announced during the summer.

-- Bob Crease, Recording Secretary