

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

Minutes, General Meeting
11 May 2011

PA President Anne Reingold opened the meeting at 7:15.

Attendance: Attendance was taken and on file. Minutes of the 6 April 2011 meeting were approved.

Principal's Report: Principal Valerie Reidy was unable to attend, so Phoebe Cooper and Jean Donahue gave the "State of the School Address." They distributed a handout with the new school motto – "Inquire Discover Create" – containing information about school goals, instruction, college process, technology, and physical plant. We won't know budget cuts until June. It is estimated we will have to lose 11 teachers (though possibly being able to hire others), but this is unconnected with the budget of the school.

Treasurer's Report: Hannah Li circulated and went over the Treasurer's Report, July 1, 2010-May 11, 2011, which had a total balance of \$207,296.17. If you have questions, email her.

Co-Presidents' Report: Co-Presidents Debbie Coutavas and Anne Reingold reminded people of the elections at the June meeting, including approval of the new bylaws distributed at the meeting and posted on the website. The general topic for the June meeting, aimed at senior parents, is the transition to college and the college process itself. Tom Maeglin of the Bylaws Committee said that the PA is mandated to review and update bylaws every 3 years, incorporating changes in the Chancellor's regulations. Highlights: we are creating a new officer position -- a communications secretary -- to publicize announcements and relieve burdens on co-presidents. A few ad hoc committees are becoming standing committees. Other new provisions involve record-keeping, conducting elections, filling vacancies, and special meetings. We need volunteers for next year's hospitality, transportation, security, and other committees.

Testtakers Presentation: The speaker was Jenna Zimmer, Executive Administrator of Testtakers (tprep.com), who spoke of the program: an 8 week course, 7 classes of 4 ½ hours each on Saturdays, 4 practice tests. Bxsci students get a discount, with some scholarships given the guidance department.

Elections and Committees: Candidates for PA:

Co-Presidents: Anne Reingold and Cary Sheren

1st VP: Rama Chitti

Treasurer: Natasha Sawh

2nd VP: Lavinia Galatis

Communications Secretary: OPEN

Nominated for Members-at-large (5 slots): Jody Greenberg, Larry Sit, Lilawattie Ramlakhm, Eileen Melniker, John Munk, Christine Rhodes. One freshman parent is elected at the 10/11 meeting.

SLT (meets once a month on Tuesday 4-6): 5 positions, 4 of which need to be filled; 2 two-year terms and 1 one-year term at the June election, one 2-year-term for a freshman parent to be filled in the fall.

Nominated: Ewa Michael, Nivedita Chandrappa, Linda Corman, Elaine Angelides Kopp, Adam Stern, Larry Melniker, Chenyin Feng, Nancy Litsas.

Adjournment and Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50. The next meeting is Wednesday, June 1 at 7 pm, at which elections for 2011-2 will be held.

-- Bob Crease, Recording Secretary