

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF  
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE**  
Minutes of the General Monthly Meeting  
November 14, 2012

1. **Call to Order:** PA Co-President Cary Sheren commenced tonight's meeting at 7:15 PM.

2. **Approval of October 9, 2012 PA Meeting Minutes:** Parents noted that there was a typographical error in the minutes from the October 12, 2012. The minutes will be revised to correct the error. The minutes of the October 9, 2012 monthly meeting were approved with the proviso of the correction.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martha Stratis distributed and referred parents to the budget. The budget is balanced and is currently in good standing through November 11, 2012. Co-President Sheren reminded parents of the importance of the upcoming Phonathon and Spring Auction as the primary fundraisers for the PA.

4. **Principal's Report:** Principal Valerie Reidy welcomed the parents and thanked them for attending Curriculum Night. Ms. Reidy explained the agenda for Curriculum Night. She discussed the science requirements necessary for graduation. There was a question and answer session regarding class plans, lessons and curriculum in general.

5. **Senior/Junior Parents-Room 131- Carol Barash, CEO Story to College**

Parents of students in their junior and senior years relocated to Room 131 for a special presentation and Q & A by Ms. Carol Barash regarding answering College Essay questions.

6. **Special Program: Student Presenters & Extracurriculars & Opportunities**

Piper Sheren, senior year student, discussed her experiences participating in ARISTA, Fencing, Debate, and the School Newspaper. Piper provided a description of each activity. Piper discussed her current academic class load and junior year class load and how she learned to manage her time more efficiently to maintain her grades and participate in the extracurricular activities. She also talked about balancing her academic pursuits with her extracurricular activities and the positive impact each had on the other.

Amanda Tam, senior year student, discussed her experiences participating in Your Service Club, Junior Varsity Volleyball, and the Key Club. Amanda provided a description of each activity. She discussed the importance of balancing her academic pursuits with her extracurricular activities and the positive impact each had on the other.

Marsha Hu, senior year student, discussed her experiences participating in ARISTA, Lunar New Year Club, League of Presidents, Homeroom Senator, and Junior Varsity Lacrosse. Marsha provided a description of each activity. Marsha discussed the importance of extracurricular activities and the importance of the activity with ARISTA.

All three students agreed that the friendships and bonds formed in each extracurricular activity enhanced their experiences at Bronx Science.

A question and answer session followed regarding general extracurricular activities. Several parents were interested in and had questions regarding ARISTA. Piper and Marsha provided additional information regarding ARISTA. ARISTA is Bronx Science's National Honor Society. They noted that there

are many opportunities in school to obtain service credit. Many students do not realize how important it is to obtain credit until they want to apply to ARISTA, and that point it could be too late. There are many different activities and services students can receive credit. All students must obtain an average 70 credits for each term in order to enter ARISTA, either the second term of their junior year or the first term of their senior year. Students will have their activity sheet signed by the teacher in charge and have their credits entered in May or June. Additional information is available on the ARISTA link on the school's webpage.

Parent Coordinator Cynthia Golan demonstrated the location of the ARISTA link on the school's webpage.

**7. Co-President's Report:** Co-President Sheren reminded all parents in attendance to sign in. She also announced the PA's recruitment efforts for upcoming Phonathon on November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. The Phonathon represents the largest PA fundraiser of the year. She encouraged all to volunteer and participate on either or both evenings. Ms. Sheren noted that the PA's funds support Naviance, Jupiter Grades, teacher stipends, team uniforms and more. All funds generated are used to support our children.

**7. Old Business:** There was no old business to discuss.

**8. New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**9. Announcements:**

Co-President Adam Stern announced that there are New Bronx Science Aprons on sale. There is a limited supply of the aprons which are available at \$20 each.

Co-President Stern announced the next SLT meeting is Tuesday November 20, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Co-President Stern announced the next Breakfast with the Principal is Wednesday, November 21, 2012 from 9:00 to 10:30 am

Co-President Sheren announced the next Parents' Association Meeting Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

Co-President Sheren reminded parents that the PA has posted important information regarding Anonymous Bullying and Cheating topic links on the PA website.

Co-President Stern reminded parents to consider using the companies that sponsor our PA meetings and advertise in our E-Blasts.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Glen Price, Co-Recording Secretary