

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
October 18, 2017**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Langwith commenced the meeting at approximately 7:00 pm. There were approximately 269 parents in attendance.
- 2) **Principal's Report:** Principal Jean Donahue reported on the first of many Alumni visitors who met with students in small groups and at lunch as part of the school's 80th Anniversary celebration: Leonard Kleinrock (class of 1969), the "real father of the internet" and Alan Bard, a distinguished chemist.

Dr. Donahue reported that the Big Bronx Debate Tournament was a big success, with thousands in attendance, and thanked the many parent volunteers.

Seniors were noted to be both busy and stressed with early college application deadlines. Dr. Donahue suggested all students meet early and often with their guidance counselors.

Dr. Donahue thanked Ms. Parness, teacher and Coordinator of Student Affairs, for the success of the Breast Cancer fundraiser as well as the Hurricane Relief Bake Sale. (Post-meeting update: The bake sale raised more than \$4,100 to be donated to One America Appeal.)

The school's students continue to be recognized with national awards, including:

- 2 Siemens Competition 2017 Semifinalists
- 32 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists Class 2018
- 11 National Hispanic Recognition Finalists

- 3) **Sponsor Introductions:** Sheptin Tutoring, Princeton Review, Ivy Global and Kweller Prep introduced their services to the parent body. (Sponsor funding provides food for the monthly PA meetings.)
- 4) **Approval of September 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Donohoe reviewed the budget: income and expenses are both in line with plan. She thanked the parents for their donations.
- 6) **2017-2018 Elections were held for Freshman Parents.** The 12 candidates briefly introduced themselves, a vote was taken, ballots counted, and the following parents were elected:
New PA Executive Board Members at Large: Rebecca Barreras, Lisa Brody, Jodi Caplan
New SLT Parent Member: Junnie Mark-Kobashi
- 7) **PA Executive Board member Cathy Israelevitz introduced our guest speaker, Sara Harberson** College admissions coach Sara Harberson offered expert advice. See www.saraharber.com and www.admissionsrevolution.com.
- 8) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.