

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
April 21, 2015**

1. Call to Order: Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:05 PM.

2. Approval of the March, 2015 Minutes: Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

3. Co-President's Report:

-Election of the Nominating Committee. This Committee will have 3-5 members. Currently nominated names are Claire Bienen, Shanti Knock, Liza Lagunoff. Nominations from the floor were requested. None were submitted. A voice vote was taken with all members in favor. Nominees were unanimously approved.

-Announcement of upcoming PA elections. All PA positions are open for nominations. No qualifications required other than that you are a parent or guardian. No DOE or school employees may be considered to run. The co-presidents have a form to fill out if you are interested in nominating someone or self-nominating.

-The Bylaws have been amended and approved by the PA Executive Board. The General Membership will vote to approve at the May meeting. Thank you to Amy Davidson for her efforts on updating the Bylaws. If anyone has any questions in this regard they should email the PA Presidents.

-The PA Budget Committee will be meeting in early May. The proposed 2015/2016 budget will be voted on at the June PA meeting.

-A request was made by the I.T. Director of the school for \$400 to renew a Robotics License. This was an unbudgeted expense so must be voted on. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Upcoming Events:

Monthly SLT meeting 4/28/15 at 3:45pm in the Principal's office. All are welcome

DOE Quality Review on 5/1/15. Outside staff will be speaking to teachers, parents and students.

There is still a need for a few parent volunteers if anyone is available on that day.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marcia Mason reported that the financial situation is very good. We are on budget with income exceeding the budgeted amount. The Annual Appeal has raised \$186,410 to date versus a budgeted amount of \$160,000. There are \$30,000 currently unspent but expect that those funds will be used by the end of June. Expenses tend to come in towards the end of the school year.

Ms. Mason also noted that there was still a need for auction volunteers particularly volunteers for check-in and check-out.

5. Auction Update:

Liz Bruder-Frydman, Auction Chair, asked attendees to purchase their tickets online. Tickets will be an additional \$25 at the door. If you are unable to attend the event, consider making a donation to support the school. The online auction is now open. It will close at 10pm Monday 4/27. Please share the online auction site. There will be great silent and live auction items. There is still time to make donations. A request was made if anyone had connections to get donated shopping bags. There is a need for roughly 300 donated shopping bags.

6. Adjournment

The PA meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

7. Break Out Sessions

There were 4 breakout sessions on topics relating to Adolescent Mental Health. Parents could attend two sessions.