

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
December 10, 2014**

1. Call to Order: Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:25 PM.

2. Approval of the November, 2014 Minutes: Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Marcia Mason reported that the Annual Appeal has raised approximately \$125,000 to date. Advertising/Sponsorship revenue to date is over \$5,000 and a grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been received. Total YTD income is \$141,000 vs the annual budget of \$205,000. Expenses to date are minimal. Overall everything is on target. A new Treasurer will be needed for next year-finding someone now would ease the transition

4. Principal's Report: Dr. Donohue was not in attendance .

5. Co-President's Report:

-Phonathon. Patrick Gibbons reported that the Phonathon results are promising. They would like to reach out again to those parents who were not reached at the Phonathon.

-Shop to Donate. This online program is a new way to raise money for the PA. Information is posted on the website. There are over 5,000 stores participating online and there are no additional costs to parents to participate in this program.

-Upcoming events.

December 11th is the winter concert at 6:30 pm in the auditorium

December 16th is the Breakfast with the Principal at 8:30am. The topic is the new SAT, PSAL and Subject Tests. Guidance Counselors and the Principal will be there for the breakfast event.

December 17th will be the Paying for College night from 7-9pm

-SHSAT. Discussion of a change to the test as well as additional criteria for admission is still under consideration and Resolution 442 has been presented to the City Council and State Legislature requesting a change to the existing law. There is a Day of Action at City Hall on December 11th. Parents are being asked to attend the press conference and voice their opposition to the resolution. Parents can also testify in the Council chambers and/or submit written testimony. Written testimony can be emailed to Ms. Atwell jatwell@council.nyc.gov It is imperative that all voices are heard. A list will be circulated of all City Council members to contact.

5. Adjournment

The PA meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

6. Guest Speakers- Jamie Propp from Tech Dad & Linnette Attai from PlayWell, LLC

Patrick Gibbons introduced the featured speakers who spoke on the topic of Parenting in the Digital Age.

Jamie Propp of Tech Dad spoke on the subject of the new rules for children and technology. He works with families on their technology needs as well as Internet safety for families and teens.

-Device Settings: Are you protecting yourself as well as your children?

- Set up separate accounts and don't share parental passwords with children.
- Backup data
- Talk to teens and friends. Keeps eyes open but only use spyware if really necessary. Filtering vs. Blocking software.
- Partner with children but it is parents' responsibility to monitor usage
- Teens prefrontal cortex is not fully developed which can lead to irresponsible/impulsive mistakes
- .-Beware of rampant availability of pornography
- Physical dangers of technology too such as walking and texting. Teach physical safety as well.
- Document a cyber incident
- Beware of geotagging on photos
- Available to work with families Jamie@techdad.com, www.techdad.com, 917-720-2381

Linnette Attai works in the youth media and marketing industry. She spoke about digital citizenship, privacy, safety and good behavior.

- Teens now are "Digital Natives". They are growing up online and out loud. They need to know what are the online behavior expectations.
- Set boundaries. Two recommended books by Rosalind Wiseman Masterminds and Wingmen, Queen Bees and Wannabees
- Some real world rules can apply in the digital world.
- Privacy means something different to kids. They share more online. Need to have an agreement about what can be shared. Confidentiality and security are issues. There are implications for the future- college and career.
- Everyone leaves a digital footprint. Companies are tracking everything. Clean up your digital footprint.
- Have safety conversations early and often. Pay attention to age restrictions . Do you know who you are connecting with? Not everything online is real/true.
- Cyberbullying can be 24/7. Respond before there is a crisis. Report bullying on the site it happened. Facebook has a Family Safety Center.
- Linnette Attai is available at Linnette@playwell-LLC.com