



**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
May 19, 2015**

- 1. Call to Order:** Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:15 PM. He welcomed everyone.
- 2. Approval of the April, 2015 Minutes:** Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Marcia Mason reported on the status of the budget. She noted that the PA has raised approximately \$272,000 which exceeds the targeted \$205,500 to date. She announced that expenses were moving slowly as is typical at this point during the budget year. Currently, the PA has spent approximately \$161,000 of the budgeted \$172,865 to date. Request by the school continue to be submitted from the Guidance Department and from teachers for books. Additionally, she noted that checks associated with the Auction and Annual Appeal continue to be submitted to the PA.
- 4. 2015-2016 Budget Discussion:** Treasurer Marcia Mason presented the budget to the PA EB. Ms. Mason noted that the projected income would increase to \$247,000 from \$205,500. Additionally, the expenses would increase to \$237,000 from \$172,865. Mr. Gibbons announced that the budget will be available for review on the PA webpage and a vote will be scheduled for the June, 2015 meeting.
- 5. By Laws Discussion:** Mr. Gibbons reported that the draft By-Laws were announced at, and posted on, the PA website after the April meeting. He thanked Ms. Amy Davidson for all of her work on preparing the draft By-Laws. A motion was made to adopt the By-Laws. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by those in attendance.
- 6. Nominating Committee Report:** Ms. Claire Bienen reported on the status of the nominations. Currently, there is interest in all of the EB positions except for the Co-President and Co-Recording Secretary positions. She noted that the committee would

include an announcement in the next PA e-blast and continue with their outreach through the June, 2015 PA meeting. Ms. Bienen noted that nominations from the “floor” will be accepted at the General Meeting tonight and at the June meeting prior to the vote to close nominations. The positions include: President (or Co-Presidents), two Vice Presidents, 2 Recording Secretaries, 2 Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. All parents/caregivers are encouraged to participate.

7. SLT Nominations: Co-President Shanti Knock reported that there are 2 open positions on the School Leadership Team. The SLT nominees will also be announced at the June, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Bienen noted that candidates are not required to attend the June, 2015 meeting. She also noted that candidates for all contested positions will be required to speak at the June meeting.

8. President’s Report:

a. Auction Update: Treasurer Marcia Mason reported that the auction was a successful evening as the auction exceeded income projections. To date, the net income is approximately \$56,000 with another approximately \$10,000 expected. She noted that Co-Chair Liz Bruder-Frydman will return as the event’s co-chair next year.

b. Upcoming Events:

- a. **SLT Meeting:** Mr. Gibbons announced that the next meeting is Wednesday, 5/26 at 3:45pm in Ms. Donahue’s office.
- b. **Spring Open House for 7th Grade Students:** Mr. Gibbons announced that this will be on Wednesday evening, 6/3 from 5pm to 7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to assist.
- c. **Incoming Student Orientation:** Mr. Gibbons announced that this will be on Thursday morning 6/4. Additional detail will be made available shortly. Volunteers are needed to assist.

6. Featured Presentation: Principal Jean Donahue: “State of the School”

Principal Jean Donahue, with a great big smile, reported on the State of the School, “Great!” Ms. Donahue, using a power point slide show, provided a presentation on the State of the School. The slideshow will be made available on the website. Slides included: Nobel Group Representative Visits, School Recognition, Instruction Programs, New Courses at BxHSS, Increased Social & Emotional Support for Students Programs, Student Achievements, Class of 2015 College Acceptances (exceeded all expectations!), Alumni Outreach, Physical Plant Improvements, Parent Association Support and Alumni Support. Ms. Donahue asked the parents to provide feedback on what they expected “Looking Ahead.”

Ms. Donahue and her staff and the PA membership had an extensive Q & A session.

8. Other Business: There was no other business.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.