



**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting
November 12, 2014**

- 1. Call to Order:** Co-President Patrick Gibbons commenced tonight's meeting at 7:10 PM. He welcomed everyone.
- 2. Approval of the October 21, 2014 Minutes:** Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** This item was rolled over to the December, 2014 meeting.
- 4. Dr. Jean Donahue, Principal and Cindy Golan, Parent Coordinator:**

Mr. Gibbons introduced Principal Jean Donahue. Dr. Donahue welcomed the parents to the meeting of the PA and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Dr. Donahue announced that all Early Decision and Early Application college applications for seniors were due by November 15th. She noted that the Regular Decision applications are due next.

Dr. Donahue reported on the goals of the SLT. Teacher Teams will be established to focus on more academic achievements. They will work to improve students' achievements via an expanded STEM program. Ms. Donahue cited the renovated "Shop" Rooms in the basement, new "Robotics" lab, improved Computer Science labs and enhanced Engineering courses in support of the expanded STEM program. All construction and renovation work is expected to be completed in January, 2015!

Dr. Donahue reported that the special "New Freshman Guidance Class" for all new students has been completed. The class met 1x per week and ran for 6 weeks during the fall semester and will run again during the spring semester. The fall topics included time management and decision making. The spring topics will include college preparation and career choices.

5. Upcoming Events:

a. Annual Appeal Phonathon: Mr. Gibbons reminded parents about the upcoming The Phonathon which will be held next week. He noted that there was a need for additional parent volunteers to work any time between 6:00 and 10:00 PM. Setup is from 6:00 to 6:30, telephone calls are conducted from 6:30 to 9:30 and clean-up is from 9:30 to 10:00 PM. He also cited the need for multi-lingual volunteers.

b. Breakfast with the Principal: Mr. Gibbons announced that this would be a Town Hall type meeting with the School Safety Committee on Wednesday, November 19th.

c. Other; How to Donate to the PA: Mr. Gibbons announced a new way of donating to the PA. He announced the Good Shop Outlet link and the Amazon Link. Shopper can go to these websites and open the Bronx Science link and a portion of their sales will be donated to the PA. Additional links will be on the PA's website soon!

6. SAT/ACT Presentation:

Fernanda Meier, The College Board: Ms. Meier provided the membership with an in-depth presentation of the SAT and the College Board.

Scott Farber, A List Education: Mr. Farber provided parents with an in-depth presentation of the ACT.

Both presentations are available at the PA's website at: <http://bxsciencepa.org/>

A Q & A session followed.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.