



## General Meeting Minutes January 14, 2014

**1.-Call to Order:** Co-President Adam Stern commenced tonight's meeting at 7:15 PM.

**2.-Approval of the December, 2013 Minutes:** Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Martha Stratis noted that for FY 2014 income to date is 171,200 and expenses are approximately \$104,000 to date.

**4.-Principal's Report:** Principal Donahue announced that a student project was launched on Thursday and expected to dock at the space station on Sunday. Channel 12 had been at the school to interview the students. She also announced the recent news that there were 7 Intel Semi Finalists from the school. Finalists were to be announced the following week. Additionally, three juniors were selected as Finalists for NYU's Social Science Research projects. The Debate Team had a very successful weekend and won many championships and various sports teams were performing well. Students are now preparing for mid-years

Dr. Donahue then introduced Dr. Allison Wheeler the Interim Acting Asst. Principal for Science to discuss lab safety in light of the recent lab accident at Beacon high school. They explained that all safety procedures at the school were reviewed. Chemical storage procedures were also reviewed. The conclusion was that they are confident that Bronx Science is following all protocols. A question was asked about the specific demonstration that caused the accident at Beacon. Dr. Donahue explained that that demonstration was not done at Bronx Science and would not be done. There were no further questions on this matter.

Dr. Donahue explained that there would be a prep class for the ACT offered at the school as about 50% of students take both the SAT and the ACT.

There was a Friday Principal's breakfast with the topic being course selection. The next PA meeting will cover the same material.

A question was asked about the impact of the newly named Chancellor. Dr. Donahue explained that it was too soon to know but that Chancellor Farina has a long association with the Dept. of Education and her feeling is that the DOE will be in good hands .

A question was asked about Pupil Path and whether teachers are becoming more comfortable with the program. Principal Donahue explained that they are providing more training in house and from Skedula. Although there are exceptions, the situation is improving.

**5.-Special Program: David Marcus, Speaker:** David Marcus worked for US News and World Report reporting on colleges and universities. He is the author of the book Acceptance, which is about the journey of a Guidance Counselor from Oyster Bay, NY. Mr. Marcus gave a presentation which focused on finding the "right school" for your child. He then answered questions. Further information as well as details on the consulting services he provides can be found at [Davemarcus.com](http://Davemarcus.com)

**6.-Adjournment:** The PA meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.