

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF  
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2015**

1. **Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry commenced tonight's meeting at 7:10 PM.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** each PA Executive Board member in attendance (Ellen Dubin, Elizabeth Newberry, Amy Davidson, Heidi Moustakos, Sudeep Kundu, Elizabeth Langwith, Gordon Bakoulis, Ingrid Devita, Pam Godwin, Weimin Huang, LiXu Chen, Moses Reyes) gave a brief introduction including position and grade of child
3. **Approval of the June, 2015 Executive Board Minutes:** Parents were in consensus regarding the minutes. The minutes were approved and adopted.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Heidi Moustakos, reported on the current balances, fundraising progress to date, budgeted income and expenses
5. **Safety Committee Report:** It was announced that a freshman parent, Ivette Perez, has volunteered to be the parent liaison to the Safety Committee. The committee, which includes Dr. Donahue, members of the Bronx Science security team and local law enforcement, meets monthly to review and discuss any issues of safety regarding our students. Any questions or comments about the Safety Committee can be sent to [safetychair@bxsciencepa.org](mailto:safetychair@bxsciencepa.org).
6. **SLT and PA Nominations:** Several nominations were accepted for vacant parent positions on the School Leadership Team and the PA Executive Board. Nominations will continue to be accepted until October 9 and can be sent to [president@bxsciencepa.org](mailto:president@bxsciencepa.org). Elections will be held at the October PA meeting, scheduled for Monday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. At that time, each candidate will make a brief presentation before voting takes place.

Current Nominees:

10th through 12th Grade SLT Candidates:

- Phil Burnett
- Chris Franklin
- Patrick Gibbons
- Barbara Reiser

9th Grade SLT Candidates:

- Julie Field
- Kevork Khrimian
- Connie O'Brien
- Lydia Pierides
- Johanna Wade

9th Grade PA Member at Large:

- Beth Cirone
- Tammy Prizant

- 7. Upcoming Events:** Several events that will be taking place in the weeks ahead were announced. These include Project Accepted, (9/26) High School fairs (Citywide 9/26-27, Bronx Borough 10/17-18), and the Bronx Science Open House for prospective students (10/21). Parent volunteers are needed to assist with each of these events. Information on signing up as a volunteer will be included in the next weekly e-blast
- 8. Thanks to our Sponsors:** Co-President Ellen Dubin invited parents to attend the tables of the sponsors outside the auditorium after the meeting and explained that these sponsors provide funding for the food at each PA meeting.
- 9. Principal's Welcome and Report:** Dr. Donahue welcomed parents, both returning and new, and thanked parents in advance for the support they will provide over the year. She discussed key areas of focus for this academic year including a renewed emphasis on preparing children for writing at the college level. A new English Assistant Principal was hired. Another area of focus is to strengthen and expand STEM opportunities both in and outside the classroom. She cited the Hackathon, Robotics team and Robotics club as programs that will continue this year.
- 10. Break-Out Sessions:** Lisa Rocchio, AP Foreign Language, introduced the breakout sessions for parents. 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents stayed in the auditorium to learn about Communications 101, including a tutorial on PupilPath. Parents of 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders went into different breakout rooms by grade to discuss topics relevant to the coming year. Dr. Donahue, Ms. Rocchio, Mr. Kind, Mr. Nasser and Mrs. Dondo led informative presentations that were tailored to the needs of each grade level
- 11. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.