

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE**
Minutes of the General Monthly Meeting
June 12, 2013

1. Call to Order: PA Co-President Cary Sheren commenced tonight's meeting at 7:15 PM.

2. Approval of May 7, 2013 PA Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the May 7, 2013 monthly meeting were approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Co-president Adam Stern presented the 2014 budget. A parent initiated a brief discussion about the additional athletic team expenses, which were explained by Mr. Stern. A motion was approved to approve the 2014 budget with no changes.

4. Co-President's Report: Co-president Cary Sheren announced that auction revenues were estimated to be \$82,000, with income ranging from \$46,000 to \$50,000.

5. PA Elections for 2013-14: Nominating Committee chair Tom Maeglin presented the election slate for the coming year, which was uncontested. As per the by-laws, the Recording Secretary recorded one vote the entire slate, and the slate was elected.

The following officers were elected to the PA:

Co-Presidents: Shanti Knock and Adam Stern

Co-Vice Presidents: Liz London and Rene Tatnall

Treasurer: Martha Stratis

Assistant Treasurer: Carey Barclay

Co-Recording Secretaries: Claire Bienen and Glen Price

Members-at-Large (5 slots): Li Xu Chen, Ellen Dubin, Robert Goetz, Eileen Melniker, Rick Lipkin

The following parents were elected to the School Leadership Team (SLT) for the 2013-2014 school year (2 slots):
Geraldine Baum and Debbie Goetz.

6. Principal's Report: Principal Reidy reported that the state of the school is "great." She announced her retirement, effective 9/6/13. She also thanked graduating senior parents who were active in the Parents Association for their service and distributed honorary diplomas.

7. Special Program: Returning Students: Six BHSS students who graduated in 2012 returned to discuss their college admissions experiences. The colleges they represented were Tulane University, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, SUNY at Binghamton, Stony Brook University (2 students), and Brandeis University. Their observations were as follows:

- Keep an open mind about colleges; don't be too stressed about getting into your "dream school."
- The first semester is hard, but give it a shot – the second semester is easier.
- Be able to take rejection.
- Make the most of the school you do get into.
- To parents: support your children in their decision.
- Take the college process seriously.
- Grades should show a steady upward slope; extracurricular activities are important.
- Do well on the AP exams; you can save some money in college and get ahead a bit in your studies.
- Take AP classes that interest you because they are hard.
- Select 3 target schools, 3 reach schools, and 3 safety schools for your college list.
- The guidance counselor/student relationship is a collaborative one.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM