

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF  
BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT  
December 15, 2016**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Co-President Ellen Dubin commenced tonight's meeting at 7:06 pm.
- 2) **Welcome and Introductions:** Co-President Ellen Dubin welcomed the parents and thanked them for coming. Approximately 45 parents were in attendance.
- 3) **Approval of November 17, 2016 General Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved. Co-President Ellen Dubin reminded everyone that the meeting minutes are posted on the PA website and there's a link in the Sunday eblasts.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Heidi Moustakos reported that current income is approximately \$141,000, including \$138,000 from the Annual Appeal. Expenses to date have totaled \$74,000. Our annual budget is \$379,000, which includes a prior year surplus of \$128,000
- 5) **PSAT Results:** Students in grades 9-11 took PSATs in October and results are now available through the College Board. There will be a link in the Weekly Parent Newsletter. Any parent having trouble accessing their child's scores or having any questions should contact their guidance counselor.
- 6) **Principal's Report:** Dr. Jean Donahue welcomed everyone and noted that it's a busy month, with performances of *The Importance of Being Earnest* last week and the Winter Concert this week as well as the Regeneron Research Paper Presentation/Dinner on December 13. The Moot Court team has advanced to the finals, and the Speech and Debate team has a competition in Minnesota this weekend.
  - *Scaffolding.* This is a 2-year project to replace the roof.
  - *Parent question:* What do I tell my son who says that fighting in Harris Field is OK and that the Daily News story was overblown? *Answer:* It's not OK, but it's not criminal and there was no evidence of bullying. The best thing to tell students is to stay on school property during school hours and avoid Harris Field—there are better places and more productive ways to spend time. On campus they have adult supervision and 40 sports teams and more than 70 clubs. After school they should either join a team/club or get to the subway/bus with a group and head home.
  - *Parent question:* Is smoking going on in the bathrooms? *Answer:* Yes, there was an incident today; we spoke to the students and called the parents—this is standard response.
- 7) **Upcoming events:** December 20 – Breakfast with the Principal: Standardized Testing; December 20 – SLT Meeting (3:45-5:00 pm); December 26-January 2 – School closed for Winter Recess
- 8) **Program:** How to Turn Conflict Into Closeness in Relationships. Andrew Roffman, LCSW Director of the Child Study Center's Family Studies Program Conflict at NYU. The program provided methods for transforming destructive arguments into constructive dialogue.

**The meeting ended at approximately 8:55pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2017.**