

Approved Minutes
Parents' Association of the Bronx High School of Science
General Meeting
February 13, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by PA Co-President Ellen Dubin. 151 parents were in attendance and signed in to the PA General Meeting.

Sponsor Introductions: Ms. Dubin introduced some of the sponsors whose generous financial support helps pay for food at the monthly PA meetings. Sponsors provide valuable services to the Bronx Science community including tutoring and test prep. They have tables set up outside the PA meetings before and during the meetings for parents to get information. Sponsors introduced at this meeting were Lisa Faieta from Ivy Global, Valerie Perez and Kat Engelauf from Princeton Review, Stuart Servetar from ibid Prep and Jill Steinberg from Applerouth.

Approve January 2017 Meeting Minutes: The January PA Meeting minutes were approved by show of hands with none opposed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Heidi Moustakos provided a report of current income and expenditures. The PA has generated \$202,000 in income primarily from the annual appeal thanks to generous support from Bronx Science families. Expenses YTD are \$93,000 including recent funds provided to support the school's athletic teams.

SLT Report: Co-President Elizabeth Newberry reported that one of the goals for the school's CEP (Comprehensive Educational Plan) is to increase parental engagement, as measured by the percentage of freshmen parents who access PupilPath. Parents of freshmen are encouraged to log on to PupilPath using their own account (not their students' account) so the school can have an accurate measure. If any parents have questions about how to access PupilPath or need to establish an account, please contact Parent Coordinator Cindy Golan for assistance.

Principal's Report: Guidance AP Andrew Nasser filled in for Principal Donahue, who was absent. Mr. Nasser announced that Bronx Science had seven semi-finalists and one finalist for the prestigious Regeneron Science Talent Search competition (formerly Intel). Bronx Science also had an impressive seventeen National Merit Scholarship Finalists.

Nominating Committee: The PA is creating a Nominating Committee to identify candidates to run for election to serve on next year's PA Executive Board. PA Executive Board members serve for one-year terms and elections are held each year for the positions. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible to run for office. The following parents of graduating seniors have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee: Simone Kaplan, Gordon Bakoulis, Heidi Moustakos and Ellen Dubin. A request was made for any other parents who want to join the Nominating Committee and no additional candidates were identified. A motion was made to approve the Nominating Committee and the motion was approved with none opposed.

Vote to Approve Bylaws Revisions: Proposed changes to the PA Bylaws that were presented at last month's meeting and posted online were approved with none opposed.

Important Upcoming Dates:

For the upcoming PA annual auction to be held May 4, Co-President Elizabeth Newberry asked for volunteers to manage the data input for auction items that have been donated. At the meeting, a

parent volunteered to take on this role. Co-President Newberry also announced that donation forms are online and asked parents to begin soliciting local businesses for auction donations.

Other upcoming dates:

February 15, 3:45-5:30 – SLT Meeting in Dr. Donahue's office

February 20-24 – Midwinter break

February 28 – Breakfast with the Principal (The Bronx Science Research Program)

Special Programs

9th-11th Grade: Course Selection Process (auditorium):

9th-11th grade parents heard from Bronx Science administrators regarding the course selection process for their student for next school year, which begins next month.

12th Grade: What to Expect When Your Teen Goes Off to College (Room 131):

Parents of 1st year college students who graduated from Bronx Science last year held an open and honest Q&A session with parents of current seniors about what to expect when their children go to college. Discussion topics ranged from allowances and budgets to staying in touch to dealing with setbacks or challenges.