

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF
BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2017**

- 1) Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry commenced tonight's meeting at 7:04pm.
- 2) Welcome and Introductions:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry welcomed the parents and thanked them for coming. Approximately 60 parents were in attendance.
- 3) Approval of February 13, 2017 General Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4) Principal's Report:** Dr. Jean Donahue welcomed everyone and reminded all parents to complete the DOE survey (online or written—sent home in backpacks). Data from surveys helps staff/admin set goals and programs. The SLT also looks at some of the survey data. Dr. Donahue mentioned that the school has put more resources into social and emotional support for students as result of feedback from past surveys.
- 5) Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Heidi Moustakos reported that current income is approx. \$205,000, and expenses to date are approx. \$193,000, including recent expenses of approx. \$56,000 for computers/software and \$25,000 for seniors activities. There will be Auction expenses coming up.
- 6) Nominations for 2017-2018 Executive Board:** Nominating Committee member Gordon Bakoulis reported that nominations are open for all positions for the 2017-2018 Board: Co-president (2), first and second Vice-president, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Co-recording secretary (3), Corresponding secretary, Members-at-large. Any parent is eligible to run, and may nominate him/herself or another parent. The Board meetings are held at 6:00pm, an hour before the General PA meetings. The members of the Nominating Committee are Gordon Bakoulis, Ellen Dubin, Simone Kaplan, and Heidi Moustakos. There will be an email address for nominations and questions: nominations@bxsciencepa.org. More information about the positions, and nomination and election process as outlined in the Bylaws, are on the PA website: www.bxsciencepa.org/.
- 7) Spring Auction:** Live auction date is May 4; Silent Auction is April 2-9. Co-president Elizabeth Newberry urged every parent/family to solicit at least one donation—restaurant gift certificates, entertainment, and unique experiences are especially popular. We would love to get 100+ donations; we currently have 36. Learn more on the PA website: www.bxsciencepa.org/.
- 8) Sponsors:** Elizabeth Newberry introduced and thanked our sponsors today, Sheptin Tutoring and Ivy Global, and urged parents to visit their tables and support them.
- 9) Upcoming Important Dates:**
 - Tues., March 21, 3:45pm – Next SLT meeting
 - March 23 and 24 – Parent Teacher Conferences
 - Mon., March 27 – Accepted Students Open House
 - Wed., March 29, 8:30am – Breakfast with the Principal
 - Wed., April 5 – Next PA meeting
- 10) Program: Adolescent Mental Health panel,** moderated by PA of Guidance Andrew Nasser, with guests:

- **F. Michler Bishop, PhD**, answered questions about *Addictive behaviors and Substance Use, Misuse, and Abuse*
- **Jerry Bubrick, PhD**, answered questions about *Anxiety, Depression and OCD*
- **Christina Laitner, PhD**, answered questions about *Dealing with Stress and Developing Resilience*

The meeting ended at approximately 8:58pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 5, 2017.