

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
December 13, 2017**

- 1) Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Langwith commenced the meeting at 7:04 pm. Approximately 130 parents were in attendance.
- 2) Principal's Report:** Principal Donahue welcomed the parents and wished them happy holidays.
- 3) Introduction of PA sponsors:** The sponsors in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief overview of their tutoring and test prep services.
- 4) Approval of 11-27-2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5) SLT update:** Co-President Monica Toriello briefly went over the five goals set last year in the school's Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP).

The goals are:

- Increase the number of students taking and passing the AP Calculus and AP Computer Science exams.
- Increase the number of sophomores attending the College Fair reflecting the increase in early action/early decision applications.
- Increase the percentage of sophomore parents who have signed into Naviance.
- Maintain scores on AP Language and Composition essay as a result of teachers giving more and better feedback on student work.
- Increase the effectiveness of assessments in instruction.

The 5 goals are described online:http://schools.nyc.gov/documents/oaosi/cep/2017-18/cep_X445.pdf

6) Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Lisa Donohoe reported that the PA's income to date is \$134,000, which is about 60% of the annual fundraising goal. She thanked everyone who has made a donation and reminded parents that donations are tax deductible this year.

Expenditures thus far have included: student clubs, sports teams, academic department requests and the internet upgrade.

7) Auction report: Auction chair Betsy Newberry reported on planning for the 2018 auction. The auction will be held on Thursday, May 17 at Rodeph Sholom school.

The auctioneer will be Lonnie Quinn, the CBS Channel 2 weatherman, who is the parent of a recent Bronx Science graduate.

Parents who are working on the auction were introduced and thanked. More volunteers are needed to work on elements such as donations, food, publicity. To volunteer please contact Betsy at: fredberry4@yahoo.com.

8) Introduction of guest speaker: This month's speaker was Robin Kaufman, Manager of Pre-College programs at Kaplan Test Prep. Robin spoke about "Test Secrets: Understanding, Planning and Preparing for the SAT, ACT and More."

Robin Kaufman's presentation is posted on the PA website at the following address:

https://bxsciencepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Brox-HS-of-Science-PSAT.SAT_.ACT_.SAT-Subject-Tests.pdf

9) Adjournment: Co-president Elizabeth Langwith adjourned the general meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

The next PA meeting will be on January 18, 2018.

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