

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF  
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting Minutes – (Draft)  
March 15, 2018**

- 1) Call to Order:** Co-President Monica Toriello commenced the meeting at 7:07pm. Approximately 93 parents were in attendance.
- 2) Principal's Report:** As Principal Donahue was unable to attend, Assistant Principal Andrew Nasser delivered the report. He reported that students conducted themselves well during the #Enough walk-out on March 14 and that the event received positive coverage in local media. He also mentioned that planning for the senior prom and upcoming exams is underway.
- 2) 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 the 2-12-18 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 5) Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Lisa Donohoe reported that the annual appeal is almost complete: only \$2,000 remains to be raised before the end of the year. The Comedy Night on March 6 raised at least \$5,100 from ticket sales alone and BxSci merchandise sales have brought in \$29,000 (gross). She noted that funds are still being directed to cover the recent internet upgrade.
- 6) Budget amendment proposal for Club Activities Fund:** Co-President Monica Toriello explained that student clubs have no budget for supplies or equipment. PA funding currently pays only for faculty advisers for the clubs. In response to a request from the student leadership she moved that the PA establish an \$8,000 fund to which clubs can apply when they need supplies. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 7) The NYC DOE School Survey:** Parent coordinator Cindy Golan urged parents to complete the 2018 school survey. To date the response rate is only 16%. The survey can be found at: [Nycschoolssurvey.org](http://Nycschoolssurvey.org). Parents have been emailed a survey code but can also create a password on the website. The deadline is March 23.
- 8) Nominating Committee Update:** Nominating Committee Chair Jen Lee reported that elections for the 2018-19 PA Board and SLT will take place at the June meeting. Nominations should be emailed to: [nominations@bxsciencepa.org](mailto:nominations@bxsciencepa.org). She noted that representation of lower grade parents is particularly needed because half of current board members are senior parents.
- 9) Manhattan and Queens Offsite Events:** Co-President Monica Toriello announced forthcoming events for parents in Manhattan and Queens. The film *Screenagers*, about teenagers and technology use, will be shown on Wednesday, April 11 at 6pm in midtown Manhattan and on Saturday, April 14 at 10am in Forest Hills, Queens. The screenings will be followed by a panel discussion. For details and to sign up go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/5YvB793vJE7B8ZaE2>. Space at the Manhattan location is limited.

**10) General Meeting topic: Dealing with Teen Issues.** Assistant Principal Nasser introduced the evening's speakers: Dr. Shannon Caspersen, Dr. Nicholas Crimarco, Dr. Patrice Malone, and Dr. Eleanor McGlinchey.

**11) Adjournment:** Co-president Monica Toriello adjourned the general meeting at 7:20pm. The panel discussion concluded at approximately 8:40pm.

**The next PA meeting will be on April 17, 2018.**