

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science
General PA Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Langwith commenced the meeting at 7:05 pm. About 290 parents were in attendance.
2. **School Survey:** Parent Coordinator Cynthia Golan asked parents to please complete the NYC School Surveys.
3. **Principal's Report:** Dr. Donahue reported that the Fe Maidens Robotics Team qualified for the National Championship Competition, and the Sciborgs made it to the Playoffs. Student Gaeun Lee's digital photo was one of 19 selected out of 150 submissions to be exhibited in the Arts Connection's Manhattan group show. 97 Students placed in the National Latin Exam. The administration welcomed visitors from China to observe and learn from Bronx Science. And again Dr. Donahue asked that parents please complete the school survey.
4. **Sponsors:** Elizabeth Langwith introduced and thanked the sponsors for that evening's PA meeting. They were: Dr. Samantha Slotnick a behavioral optometrist; Sheptin Tutoring Group; Kweller Prep; Ivy Global; and Kaplan.
5. **Approval of March 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Elizabeth Langwith (in Treasurer Lisa Donohoe's absence) reported that the Annual Appeal goal was exceeded, as well as the sponsorship goal. A budget amendment to allocate an additional \$10,000 for senior expenses (to help reduce the cost of attending the Senior Prom) was proposed and passed.
7. **Nominating Committee Update:** Betsy Newberry reported that many parents would be leaving the PA Executive Board because their children would be graduating this year. Nominations are being accepted and will be open until May 21.
8. **Auction Update:** Betsy Newberry reported that items valued at \$74,000 had been donated for the auction to date. The online auction opened 4/17/18. Raffle entries for a chance to win Broadway tickets to *Harry Potter* and *Springsteen* are \$25 each. Betsy encouraged parents to attend the May 17 auction.
9. **Important Dates:** Elizabeth Langwith mentioned a few important upcoming events including the College Fair, for which parent volunteers were requested.
10. **Guest Speaker:** College admissions and financial-aid expert Andy Lockwood (lockwoodcollegeprep.com) was introduced and spoke about "College Scholarships and Financial Aid Secrets."
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45pm.

Reminder: Auction is Thursday, May 17, 2018.

The next PA meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 2018