

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting Minutes – (Draft)
June 13, 2018**

- 1) **Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Langwith commenced the meeting at 7:10pm. Approximately 72 parents were in attendance.
- 2) **Principal's Report:** Principal Donahue said that it's been a terrific year at Bronx Science and thanked all the parents for their support.
- 3) **Approval of the 5-21-18 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report and Vote on Budget Amendment:** Treasurer Lisa Donohoe reported that the spring benefit brought in \$83,000 net, including almost \$20,000 from the paddle raiser for the cafeteria renovations. Parents who contributed to fundraising efforts during the year were thanked. Next year's budget was already presented at the May meeting; a proposed amendment to commit an additional \$5,000 to cover requests from academic departments was passed unanimously, as was the proposal to roll this year's surplus of approximately \$144,000 into next year's budget.
- 5) **Approval of slate of nominees for 2018-19 PA Board and School Leadership Team:**
All nominees were approved unanimously.

Co-Presidents: Rebecca Barreras and Lisa Brody

Vice Presidents: Charissa Fernandez and Nicole Kaplan

Treasurer: Lisa Donohoe

Assistant Treasurer: Eugenia Zakharov

Recording Secretaries: Madeleine Dobie, Rachel Hall Danes, and Cathy Israelevitz

Corresponding Secretary: Katie Sperling

Members at Large: Jodi Caplan, Tammy Caress, Deepmalya Ghosh, Catherine Park, and Mary Vallon

SLT Members: Jonathan Freedman and John Keller

- 6) **Update on SHSAT Bill:** A bill to phase out the SHSAT was passed by the NY State Legislature Education Committee on June 6. However, Speaker Carl Heastie announced that the Legislature would gather more public input and has postponed further action to the next legislative session, which begins in January. Articles about the bill can be found online and the text of the bill itself can be found on the NY State Assembly and Senate websites. Parents who have strong opinions about the bill can reach out to their representatives.

Co-President Langwith was asked whether the PA takes an official position. She said that because the PA represents the entire Bronx Science community and parents have different views on this issue the PA will not take a stance at this time. The Alumni Foundation Board, however, will be drafting an alternative proposal in the coming months.

- 7) **Thanks and Goodbye to Senior Parents:** Parents of the PA Executive Board who have made important contributions to the school and whose students are seniors were thanked for their efforts.
- 8) **Call for Senior Prom Chaperones:** Additional parents whose students are attending the Senior Prom are needed as chaperones for part or all of the evening. Parents were asked to contact Senior Class Advisor Mr. McNickle if they are available to help.
- 9) **Panel of 2017 graduates:** Five panelists (from Cornell, Georgetown, Hamilton, UMich, and UPenn) answered parents' questions about their first year in college.
- 10) **Adjournment:** Co-president Elizabeth Langwith adjourned the general meeting at 8:45pm.