

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Parents' Association Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2018**

Call to Order:

Co-Presidents Rebecca Barreras and Lisa Brody commenced the meeting at 7:08 pm.

Approximately 185 parents were present.

Approval of the June 13, 2018 Minutes:

- The minutes were unanimously approved.

Announcement of Elections for PA Leadership Positions

- PA Co-President Lisa Brody announced the following PA leadership positions available for this school year:
 - 3 members-at-large positions (1 year term)
 - 1 SLT position (2 year term) – meetings are 3:45PM on same day as PA meetings
- Nominees should prepare personal statements to be published on the Bronx Science site.
 - Nominations close Tuesday, 10/9
 - Elections are 10/24

Principal's Report:

- Dr. Donahue welcomed parents back to Bronx Science for the new school year and discussed the following:
 - More students taking AP and Post AP classes than ever before
 - 70 clubs participated at Club Fair day; there are 44 active PSAL teams
- SGI has been expanded to 3 days per week for each teacher this year vs. 2 days/week last year
The intent is for students to attend SGI not just for extra help or enrichment, but also as drop-in office hours similar to the system at many colleges
 - Dr. Donahue believes this will also help students build relationships with their teachers

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Lisa Donohue reviewed the 2018-19 PA Budget which includes \$140,750 carry-over funds from the prior school year reserve. PA funds are used for items such as: academic support, athletic teams and technology.
- PA Board approved use of \$7.5K anonymous donation from former Bronx Science family to be used to publish The Science Times (Bronx Science newspaper) ad-free the entire school year, 2018-19.
- Lisa noted that \$18K in parent donations to the annual fund were received in the last few weeks
- Department requests budget was increased to \$70K for new book purchases and science equipment
- The PA voted unanimously to approve the budget items.

SLT Report

- SLT Parent Representative Jonathan Freedman (and Bronx Science alumnus) explained the main focus of the SLT is to produce and monitor the CEP

(Comprehensive Education Plan). The SLT meets 10X during the school year. The Bronx Science CEP for this school year will be available to the public later in the fall.

Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at about 7:45PM when parents were directed to rooms by grade level for additional programming.
- Next General PA meeting will be Wednesday, October 24th.