

**Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science General Meeting
October 24, 2018 5:45 pm Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** Cindy Golan called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.
2. **Approval of the September 27, 2018 Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** Lisa Donohoe reported that income was \$92,000 and spending was \$65,000. These amounts are on target as planned. Merchandise sales and sponsorships were underway and advanced Physics books had just been ordered as well as funding for Project Accepted.
4. **Sponsors Introduced**
1-Ivy Global: Consulting and Prep **2-CIEE** High School study abroad program with financial aid and college credit
5. **SLT Report** Jonathan Freedman reported that the CEP Plan (Comprehensive Education Plan) is almost agreed upon: three of the five goals include 1-Increasing student engagement, 2- Increasing parent engagement, and 3-Increasing the % of sophomores signing up for Naviance.
6. **Auction Update** The auction update was given by the Auction Co Chair: Katie Sperling. Best of the Boroughs is the theme for May 16, 2019 Event. Donation forms will be ready soon. There will be online, silent and live auctions. Auction raffle kickoff will be sent via mobile phone link, with limited tickets. Urgent donations requests: vacations, restaurants...
7. Co President Rebecca Barreras requested parents bring used **Test Prep** books next week at the Parent Teacher Conferences which will then be available to the Bronx Science families at the Nov Parents Association Meeting.
8. Co President Lisa Brody introduced the **Parent Election Candidates** for Freshman SLT and PA Board. Ballots were collected.
9. **Principal's Report** Given by Mr. Nasser. Dr. Donohue sends her regrets that she could not attend.

Mr. Nasser shared recent successful events: Oct 3 Open House with 3500 students. With visitors from Shenzhen University as well as Hunter College High School. For the third year, a teachers exchange with HSAS.

A new initiative started this month by the administration is the **Equity Board**. The mission is to promote empathy and raise awareness on the importance of inclusion. Mr. Nasser expressed that Bronx Science is a big family. The intent is to include a wide range of stakeholders and create new initiatives. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018. Along these lines, The Anti Defamation League will be conducting a training session at the school January 28, 2019.

Among the new initiatives: The SO put on the first annual Karaoke Event and there will be a celebratory Diversity Week after AP tests in May. Mr. Nasser shared that the renown academic reputation of the school is well known, but would like to promote playing hard as well, ending with "Happy children lead to happy parents."

10. **Student Panel:** How to make the most of your time at Bronx Science
Key Takeaways "Be audacious" "Get out of your comfort zone" Try a variety of clubs, meet new people, especially upper classmen. "Don't procrastinate" **Use your planner.** Don't overload with APs. **Schedule lunch.**
The six student panelists agreed that their best support groups were from their extra curricular activities.
11. **Election Results** Three new PA board members: Joli Golden, Lili Kong and Kaitlin Pan **SLT** Kathy Qi
12. **Meeting Adjourned** at 8:40 pm.