

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science General Meeting January 17, 2019 Minutes DRAFT

- 1) Call to Order:** Co-President Lisa Brody commenced the meeting at 7:05pm
- 2) Principal's Report:** Dr. Donahue reported Bronx Science had a record 13 Regeneron Science Scholars, the most of any school, and mentioned a few of the projects, including a social science study. The Debate team continues to do incredibly well. Robotics Teams are in Build season: working late 6 days a week. Dr. Donahue encouraged all sophomore parents to log onto Naviance.
- 3) Co-President Lisa Brody** mentioned the College Kickoff night 2/7/19 for Sophomore Parents
- 4) Approval of December 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes unanimously approved.
- 5) Treasurer's Report** Lisa Donohoe reported that the Annual Appeal goal was 95% met. There is still time to donate. Revenues and expenses are well aligned with the plans. Upcoming Fundraisers:
Comedy Night 2/26/19 Yankees vs White Sox 4/12/19 Annual Spring Benefit 5/16/19
- 6) SLT Update** Jonathan Freedman explained the SLT responsibilities to assess how the school is meeting the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) Goals. Emphasized Sophomore Parents logging onto Naviance. Encouraged visiting the Robotics Team.
- 7) Guest Speakers** Co-President Lisa Brody introduced the Speakers

West Coast Connections: Mitch Lerner www.westcoastconnection.com
Limited Scholarships available. Programs start at \$3000- not including travel expenses
Travel, Learn & Volunteer Opportunities. Many programs available USA & Overseas

American Camp Association Jamie Farnam <http://www.acanynj.org>
See Job Center on website for Job Seekers at over 650 Camps
Excellent 21C job skills opportunities: communications, problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, leadership skills

Eleanor Coufus Bronx High School of Science Alumni Foundation Director

Summer Opportunities from the Alumni Foundation: <https://bxsciencepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/2019SummerOpportunities-BronxScience.pdf>
Brunner Awards: Awards stipends: independent projects for students: think creatively
Bronx Science Design Institute: (on site) physical product engineering & mechanical
Programming Academy; (on site) Coding opportunity to increase skill level
Biology Research Institute: (on site) Conduct in depth research experiments

Bronx Science Admissions Process Update

Eleanor Coufos reported that there is an ongoing lawsuit regarding the increased Discovery Program from 6% to 20%. This Discovery Program is currently limited to the most socioeconomically distressed middle schools. Due to the lawsuit, the proposed

change for the Discovery Program for Specialized High Schools is currently in the courts and depending on what the judge says, will impact if changes to Discovery happen and/or the timing. (To be clear, this lawsuit was brought by a group of parents unrelated to Bronx Science)

In addition, there is a new bill proposed to the new NYS Legislature to change the Hecht Calandra Act, which specifies the SHSAT test as the only admissions criteria. This must go through the committee process. One on one and small group meetings with the lawmakers are ongoing to propose partnership solutions to improve NYC education.

8) The meeting was adjourned about 8:25 pm.