

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General PA Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2019**

1) Call to order and Minutes Approval: The General PA meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Lisa Brody and Rebecca Barreras at approximately 7:05PM. Approximately 70 parents were in attendance. Motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting was unanimously approved.

2) Principal's Update:

Course selection in process using new course selection software, Talos. Naviance, which was used in the past for course selection, no longer offers course selection but will continue to be used for the college process. While there have been a few glitches with Talos, that is to be expected with a new system. Students are encouraged to speak with their Guidance Counselors if they have any trouble using Talos. Elective Day will be this Monday and students are encouraged to attend and not to opt out of a lunch period. Dr. Donahue reported a subset of early admissions results and stated students have done very well so far: 147 students accepted to U Michigan; Cornell between 37-39, U Chicago 18; MIT 11.

3) Treasurer's Report

Annual Appeal has been almost reached.

4) Fundraising Events

Comedy Night was very well attended. Yankees game coming up 4/12/19; purchase tickets on PA site. May Auction is largest fundraiser of the year; tickets go on sale next week with \$20 discount/couple

Department requests for fundraising have been fulfilled: college office materials, materials for academic teams, athletic team needs, server software, internet fees, National Honor Society items, and the research program dinner.

5) SLT

Almost entirely devoted to starting the process to establish the CEP for 2019-20 which is mandated by Dept of Ed. This involves establishment of goals and action plan to meet each goal. Main goal of SLT is to help develop the CEP. Items reviewed to establish goals include: Surveys and questionnaire, NYS Quality Assessment. Goals need to fit into five categories established by DOE from student engagement to parent involvement to faculty development. SLT will spend next meeting focused on CEP with goal to have CEP completed in May. After Principal signs off, DOE official will approve over the summer or early in 2019-20 school year.

6) PA Board Nominations Committee

There are several parent leadership positions available for the 2019-20 school year; with most positions, work can be done from home – outside of monthly attendance at PA Board meeting.

7) Bylaws

The PA Board is making updates to the Bylaws and these will be voted on at the April PA meetings.

8) Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30PM for panel presentation on teens.