PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE General PA Meeting Minutes April 16, 2019

1) Call to Order

Co-President Rebecca Barreras commenced the meeting at 7:15. Approximately 70 parents were in attendance.

2) Approval of the March meeting minutes

The March meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3) Dr. Donahue

Dr. Donahue informed the PA that most students have completed course selection through Talos. As well, Dr. Donahue noted that Bronx Science has been doing more outreach to middle schools. Students from MS118 and South Bronx Academy recently visited Bronx Science to become more familiar with the school offerings. Similarly, educators are seeking to learn about the pedagogy at Bronx Science. Recently, Bronx Science hosted staff from Tokyo University. Dr. Donohue concluded by inviting parents to attend the Lunar show tomorrow at Bronx Science.

4) Treasurer's Report

Lisa Donohoe, Treasurer, reported that expenses are in line with plan.

PA unanimously approved purchase of ADA compliant water fountain. Grant from Mr. Wren/Green Team will pay for water bottle filler in the alcove by library. Bronx Science water bottles will be available for sale next year.

5) Upcoming Fundraising Events: Auction

The online Auction ends tomorrow. Actual auction event is May 16th. Parents were encouraged to share online auction link with friends outside the Bronx Science community.

6) SLT Update by Jonathan Freedman

The SLT has been preparing to build the CEP which requires the selection of 5 goals for Bronx Science across 5 categories: rigorous instruction, supportive environment, collaborative teachers, effective school leadership, and strong community ties.

7) Bylaws

Aside from a few tweaks of legal language to ensure bylaws are compliant, the key recommended change in the bylaws is: beginning in 2020, Board elections will be moved up a month from June to May to allow for a smoother transition between Board members from one school year to the next.

The PA voted unanimously to approve amendments to the bylaws.

8) The PA portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm