

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE
General Meeting Minutes – (Draft)
May 20, 2019**

1) Call to Order:

Co-Presidents Rebecca Barreras and Lisa Brody commenced the meeting at 7:12pm. Approximately 38 parents were in attendance.

2) Approval of Minutes from 4-16-19:

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3) Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Lisa Donohoe gave an overview of YTD fundraising and expenditure and called for two votes:

i) Amendment to add \$13,000 additional funding to cover prepayments relating to the internet server update.

ii) Review and approval of 2019-20 budget. The estimated revenue for next year is \$308,000, slightly higher than the current year due to the addition of new fundraising events. Anticipated new expenditure includes the videotaping of student performances and publishing the Science Survey without advertisements.

Both motions were passed unanimously.

4) SLT Report, given by Co-President Rebecca Barreras:

At its final meeting of the year the SLT reviewed the new DOE Comprehensive Education Plan. Schools are now being asked to work on 3 goals instead of the previous 5. The new goals are: 1) graduation rates 2) college, career and civic readiness and 3) providing a supportive environment. For goal 3) there are subcategories among which schools can choose. The Bronx Science SLT selected "physical and mental wellness" and "equity and student voices."

5) Presentation of slate of candidates for the 2019-20 PA Board

Kathy Qi, co-chair of the Nominating Committee, read the slate of candidates and called for additional nominations, especially for the SLT, for which no nominations had been made. There were two nominations from the floor for the SLT. There will be two new member-at-large slots and one SLT position opening for incoming parents in the fall.

6) Principal's Report:

Principal Donahue reported that the State of the School is excellent. She gave an overview of the new initiatives of the past year, including: engaging students in the classroom through discussion and debate; giving better feedback on student work; combatting bias and celebrating diversity; introducing new courses; launching the college admissions process earlier to reflect the rise in early decision applications; improvements to technology; enhancement of the guidance

department office space funded by the Alumni Association. Principal Donahue also reported on the many student achievements of the past year.

She previewed new electives and pedagogical initiatives for next year and announced that renovations to the cafeteria will begin this summer as will work on the new Montefiore student health clinic. She acknowledged the various ways in which the PA and the Alumni Foundation support the school.

6) Report by the Assistant Principal for Pupil Personnel Services:

Assistant Principal for Pupil Personnel Services Andrew Nasser summarized this year's Guidance initiatives including the creation of the Mental Wellness Board, changes to the Big Sibs program, improved new parent orientation, collaborations with the PA to host more emotional wellness events, the coffee with the principal series and Mental Health Awareness week. He also covered some goals for the coming year.

7) Report by the Co-Director of the College Office:

Ms. Darby McHugh reported on this year's College admissions events including: Project Accepted; Story2; College Visits; Fall College Night; Junior Winter College Night and the College Fair. She also reported on Class of 2019 acceptances. She shared that this year's results have been excellent and that the average number of applications per student was 10. There were increases in both ED1 and ED2 applications.

8) Adjournment:

Co-president Rebecca Barreras adjourned the general meeting at 8:25 pm.

The next PA meeting will be on 6-12-19