

Parents' Association of the Bronx High School of Science General Meeting January 15th, 2020

Call to Order: Co-President Rebecca Barreras commenced the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Approximately 151 parents were in attendance at the meeting.

Principal's report – Dr. Donahue

Students and teachers visited the school from Chile on January 7th, and educators from China are scheduled to visit the school. There has been great student achievement on both academic and extracurricular fronts. We have 11 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars, and the Girls Varsity Gymnastics team won their 7th straight division title championship. A de-stress “Zen Den” day in the college office was held today and students enjoyed it. In December, “12 Days of Coping” was organized by our new social worker.

Approval of December 10th PA General Meeting Minutes – unanimous

Nominations Committee forming – Co-President Lisa Brody spoke about the Nominations Committee. Its responsibility is to prepare a slate of candidates for the 2020-2021 PA Board and SLT and to hold the elections at the May PA meeting. Parents who serve on the Nomination Committee cannot run for any position. If you are interested in serving on the Nominations Committee or have any questions, please email: lisabxscipa@gmail.com.

Night of Comedy and Laughter – Tammy Caress and Mirav Khen spoke about event being held on February 12th at Gotham Comedy Club. Purchase tickets online [here](#).

SLT Meeting Summary – Jonathan Freedman

Jonathan reminded parents that the April 2019 DoE survey revealed that students do not think the school provides enough emotional support, as only 50% of students reported positively. Our internal survey completed in December 2019 showed improvements, with 61% of surveyed students answering positively. We are reaching for a 70% positive response rate. Efforts have been taken to train teachers to get to know the kids better, and to check on the students more often. These survey results were more or less in alignment with our peer schools.

Treasurer's Report - Doris Ortiz Torres,
Generous \$26,000 donated as a result of end of year fundraising campaign! Thank you! Quiet month of PA spending due to winter holiday break.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm for presentation on Summer Opportunities