

**Parents' Association of the Bronx High School of Science
General Meeting
February 10, 2020**

1) Call to Order:

Co-President Rebecca Barreras commenced the meeting at 7:08 pm. 126 parents were in attendance.

2) Principal's report – Dr. Donahue

The second half of the year has started. Our school sports teams are doing very well. The Girls' varsity table tennis team won the PSAL city championship. Girls and Boys indoor track both won borough championships. Great research reception, with over a hundred students presenting their independent research projects. Bronx Science has one student who is a finalist in the Regeneron competition, and who will be going to Washington next month. Robotics build season is underway, and the team members have been working hard. Little Bronx debate competition occurred last weekend. Speech and Debate team has done magnificently in the past few tournaments. Bronx Science Model UN Team had an excellent showing at John Hopkins, got about 12 or 13 commendations, and Bronx Science was named the best large delegation in a student field of over 2,000 from all over the United States.

School always encourages speakers coming to speak with students. We had three NY State senators (Toby Stavisky, John Liu, and Jamaal Bailey) talk about state government and how Bronx Science has impacted them. All three of them are Bronx Science alumni.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes from Jan 15th, 2020 unanimous.

3) SLT Meeting Summary Update – Rebecca Barreras

School's new Assistant Principal of English is Alessandra Zullo Casale. She has been the interim AP of English since September.

Mr. Nasser gave the course selection presentation to the SLT. Mr. Nasser also updated SLT on several mental wellness activities. There is a club named BC2M (Bring Change to Mind) dedicated to mental wellness run by our new social worker, Mrs. Heckman-Perez.

4) Safety Committee Update – Cliff Stanton

School custodian Eugene Connolly was able to come to the Safety Committee and talk about the plaza in front of the school. Jerome Park Reservoir North Basin will not be permanently drained, but the fight is not over yet.

5) Treasurer's Report – Doris Ortiz

We have funded many events this year, and as of right now, we have a total of \$361,537 dollars left. We still have some additional fundraising to do in the spring. We are behind in terms of annual this year. The auction this year will be the big moneymaker this year. Only 30% of parents donate money or time to this school. Any amount of money is welcome. Everything adds up. And all the donations will help pay for Pupil Path, Naviance, Talos, Student clubs, Technology upgrades and much more.

6) Other business

Feb 12th is the day of Bronx Science Parents Night of Comedy and Laughter at the Gotham Comedy Club on 23rd Street in Manhattan.

Auction tickets for the May 14 "Go for the Green and Gold" Gala are on sale now. Buy now and take advantage of Early Bird pricing – just \$65/ticket for dinner, drinks and fun.

The PA nominations committee is forming. If any parents who are interested in either being part of this committee or running for a parent leadership position for next year, please feel free to email through the link from the school PA website.

7) 7:25 Meeting Adjourned for Programming: The Course Selection Process, or panel of "graduated" parents about sending your child off to college.