

## **Bronx High School of Science**

### **Parents' Association Meeting Minutes 9/23/20**

Co-President Cliff Stanton commenced the meeting at 7:05 pm. 340 attendees over Zoom.

**Minutes** from the June 2020 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Jodi Caplan and seconded by Kaitlin Pan. Minutes approval was done through an online zoom poll.

PA Presidents Cliff Stanton and Jerome Kramer shared the floor with select school leadership staff.

**AP Rachel Hoyle:** The school year is off to a good start after day 3 and AP Hoyle thanked the PA for their support. Students are adapting to new platforms and technologies and are enjoying learning online. There are calls for more synchronous instruction from teachers and students and there is the potential to increase that as time goes on.

**AP Phoebe Cooper:** She introduced herself as the Assistant Principal of Organization and has been with the school since 1990. AP Cooper reassured parents that despite the current circumstances, the school is transitioning as many activities to the virtual realm as possible. Student council, speech and debate, homecoming are a few examples. Seniors are designing "senior face masks". Bronx Science is committed to virtual clubs and will hold a virtual club fair.

**Parent Coordinator Cindy Golan:** Cindy is working remotely and prefers to be reached via email. She has been the parent coordinator since 2003.

There was a question and answer session with AP Hoyle, AP Cooper and AP Nasser facilitated by the PA Presidents. Questions covered topics including textbooks, sports, robotics, National Honor Society and more. Parents and students are encouraged to read all emails carefully from the school and to contact advisors with questions regarding individual activities. Medical and other forms still need to be submitted.

**Treasury Report and Budget:** Ken Ho, Treasurer, introduced the July 2020 to June 2021 budget. \$339,00 – projected total expenditure for the year. 95% of spending goes to support students. \$40K projected in internet expenditures for this remote/blended learning year. The reserve fund will be tapped for \$95,000 to balance the budget as fundraising revenues are expected to be lower this year. Parents approved the budget by a zoom chat vote.

**Nominations:** Three at large positions on the PA Board are reserved for incoming parents. There is also an opening on the SLT. A co-recording secretary position is also open. Parents interested in these roles were encouraged to email [nominations@bxsciencepa.org](mailto:nominations@bxsciencepa.org)

**PA Executive Board members** Ken Ho, Kaitlin Pan, Danielle Donovan, Eugenia Zakharov, Jodi Caplan, Katie Sperling, Nicole Kaplan, Jean Lee Yammer, Weilin Li-Marabello and Jayesh Patel briefly introduced themselves to participants.

**Fundraising and Volunteer Participation:** Parents were asked to participate as they are able in the Direct Appeal and in volunteer efforts for the school.

**Guidance:** AP Andrew Nasser presented “What Your Child (and You) Can Expect this Year” from the Bronx Science Guidance Department. As part of the presentation, Mr. Nasser introduced the Guiding Light website and answered questions from parents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.