

Notes for 11/16/20

Bronx High School of Science

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Co-Presidents Cliff Stanton and Jerome Kramer commenced the meeting at 7:02 pm.
Zoom attendees 146

Minutes from the October 2020 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Eugenia Zacharov and seconded by Joli Golden. Minutes approval was done through an online zoom poll.

Principal Rachel Hoyle:

The blended learning opt in period just ended with 38 new families opting in.

Student report cards were emailed out for the first trimester

January regents are cancelled. This doesn't affect the school very much however it may add a few more instructional days to the calendar.

Virtual P/T conferences happened. There were a few technical glitches but overall most people got to speak with their teachers.

The club fair was a success with over 1000 attendees

The November Coffee with the Principal/Safety Town Hall just happened.

9th Grade Advisory is continuing monthly, virtually. It is allowing big sibs to have more personal outreach as they have 4-5 students each instead of a few sibs for an entire homeroom.

Treasury and Fundraising Report: We are doing well with the appeal, already more than 68% to budget. There may be less expenditures for the year than budgeted. A thank you was given to all who have donated. Comedy night is this thursday and the online auction ends this friday. Our Giving Tuesday campaign is right around the corner. Don't forget to see if your company offers a matching program for donations.

Family Survey: Christine Kattan reported on the family survey results. There were 472 replies split pretty evenly over the 4 grades. Most respondents were fully remote families. Overall the majority of families were very satisfied with their educational experience this fall due to better organization and communication and that kids are required to be in classes. More student classroom engagement however was the number one request for improvements. Slightly less than half of all blended learners

were satisfied, with more in school days and live instruction as the number one request for improvement. More than half the respondents were satisfied with the guidance office with families requesting more personal interaction with their counselors.

SLT: Jonathan Freedman gave the SLT report. He gave an overview of what the SLT is and who it is composed of. He explained how the SLT helped with the C30, the interview process for a new principal and how they would be working on the CEP, using last year's goals as the working points. He explained the Parent Empowerment Team who would begin their first meeting this week and would work to give voices to those groups who felt less heard. He also said that Mr. Nasser would be making sure that students with IEP's needs were being monitored this year.

Auction: Auction co-chair Tracy Ballas announced that all raffle tickets were sold out and the winner would be drawn at the December PA meeting. The online auction would end this Friday and the spring virtual gala, scheduled for May 15th was being planned.

Comedy Night: is this Thursday

Assistant Principal Andrew Nasser: introduced a panel on Teen Challenges. There Experts included PA Health & Wellness Committee members Ismini Georgiades, Ph.D. and Bozhena Vistman, LMHC on topics such as managing stress, healthy sleep, isolation, social media, and substance abuse.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm