

**Parents Association of the Bronx High School of Science
General PA Meeting February 10, 2021
Via Zoom**

Call to Order: Co-President Cliff Stanton commenced the meeting at 7:00 pm
178 members in attendance

Members in attendance:

Cliff Stanton, Jerome Kramer, Nicole Kaplan, Eugenia Zakharov, Ken Ho, Kaitlin Pan, Jean Lee Yamner, Danielle Donovan, Jayesh Patel, Ram Halder, Joli Golden, Christine Kattan, Li Ping, Susan Anderson, Yan Ling Lei

Absent: Katie Sperling, Jodi Caplan, Weilin Li-Marabello

Motion was made to approve minutes from the Jan 2020 meeting by Alessia Valfredini and seconded by Niki Maratos. The motion was passed via a Zoom poll.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Budget-

Ken Ho led a discussion regarding the budget for the 2020-21 school year. He gave a big thank you to the school community for there generous support. It is looking possible that we will end the year with a surplus and not need to dip into the reserve fund. We are awaiting an update from the administration on remaining expenses for the year.

Principals Report-

Principal Hoyle spoke:

We had 14 Regeneron scholars and 1 finalist
Regents week went well. The career symposium with alumni and Clash of the Colors were both a success. There was an unfortunate incidence of inappropriate use of language which is being addressed. There will also be a student led campaign to end racial bullying on social media.

There are definite plans in place to administer the SAT to our juniors in April.

There has been an improvement in the amount of students who were failing classes during the first 2 marking periods. While system wide schools have seen an uptick in the amount of students failing one or more classes, BxSci has been working hard to help the students having difficulty here. Teachers will now be able to mandate students to office hours, similar to how SGI worked in previous years.

There are currently no updates on:

A possible return to school this year

Summer school, although the school would like to hold a full summer program either live or remote if given permission

Resumption of school in September

End of year Regents

Sports programs

Course selection for next year will be based on the assumption that school will be able to resume 100% live in September. If that is not possible then adjustments will be made as necessary.

AP's will be held both digitally and live based upon the College Boards requirements for administration of the tests. The school is finalizing a schedule for the exams.

SLT

Ayelet Yoles spoke for the SLT.

The schools goals for the CEP have been submitted and accepted, although they remain the same as last year.

The Discovery Program is proving successful with a greater percent of students passing classes in the 3rd marking period than the first two.

A student only support survey will be going out soon.

SLT training video, was watched at the meeting and spoke about the collaborative decision making process in support of student learning.

You can learn more about the SLT and what it does on Naviance.

Cliff

A nominating committee was formed and elected by a Zoom poll at tonight's general meeting. Alison Gardy, Kaitlin Pan, Eugenia Zakharov and Katie Sperling.

Jerome

There has been a good response to the transportation survey, over 600 replies. The general response is that 70% of families would not have a good substitution for transportation if there is no bus service going forward. There are several companies interested in possibly taking over the service and Vallo might also still resume their service. It looks positive that should school resume in September, there will be some form of transportation available to students.

The second Remote Comedy Night will be held on March 4, 2021

Book club featuring the Omnivore's Dilemma will be held on February 25, 2021

Partnering with the S.O., there will be a Do Something event featuring Jeff Hobbs on February 23, 2021

Auction

Tracey Ballas spoke about the upcoming online auction, May 1-15, 2021 culminating with the virtual gala on May 15, 2021. The auction committee is in need of donations and entertainment.

The winner of the iPad raffle was drawn. Reena Schwartz

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm and was followed by a panel on course selection by Andrew Nasser and Alison Davis as well as a panel on "the things I wish I knew before my kids went to college" with guest alumni family parent speakers.

