

Notes for 5/12/2021

Bronx High School of Science

Parent Association Meeting Minutes

Co-President Cliff Stanton commenced the meeting at 7 pm. 153 attendees over Zoom.

Minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion was made by Christine Kattan and seconded by Ken Ho. Minutes were approved through an online zoom poll.

State of the School Address: Principal Rachel Hoyle gave the State of the School address which included a powerpoint presentation. The report touched upon remote vs. blended instruction, new classes, school supports and equity and anti-racist initiatives. New classes included Race and Gender, AP Human Geography, Financial and Actuarial Math and Electrical Engineering. The guidance office responded to the pandemic with various supports including increased communication, virtual office periods, expanded big sibs and a Young Alumni College Panel. Principal Hoyle shared accolades for the many achievements of Bronx Science students and teams this past year.

Mr. Nasser reported about the Bronx Science college process for this past year including the recent College Fair which 130 colleges attended. Principal Hoyle hopes that instruction will transition to be fully in person for all students and staff this fall.

PA Presidents Cliff Stanton and Jerome Kramer – New Business:

Treasurer's Report: Ken Ho, Treasurer, showed a slide with revenues and expenses. April income increased by \$9K. Total revenues: \$309,287 including raffles, Amazon Smile, Annual Fund, Comedy Night etc. Expenses increased \$43K (\$40K for graduation). Total expenses to date this school year: \$138,456.

SLT Report: Ayelet Yoles reported on the May 12 SLT meeting including senior results from student survey. Students with IEPs and 504 plans will be surveyed (as will their parents) related to a new goal for the school Comprehensive Education Plan.

Parent Association Elections:

Bronx HS of Science Parents' Association Nominating Committee Alison Gardy (Chair), Kaitlin Pan, Katie Sperling and Eugenia Zakharov

Nominations for PA Executive Board (One Year Term 2021-2022)

Co-President – Jerome Kramer

Co-President – Cliff Stanton

Co-Vice President – Danielle Donovan

Co-Vice President – Christine Kattan

Treasurer – Ken Ho

Assistant Treasurer – Weilin Li-Marabello

Corresponding Secretary – Jayesh Patel

Co-Recording Secretary – Joli Golden

Co-Recording Secretary – Sheila Drumm

Co-Recording Secretary – Dorie Lederfajn Paparo

Member-at-Large (5) – Irena Chklovski, Weili Fang, Ellen Goldberg, Ram Halder, Li Ping Xu

The above nominations represent a full slate for the Bronx high School of Science elections and SLT representation. Alison Gardy made a motion to approve the slate for the Executive Board and Mimi Dong seconded. The Executive Board slate was approved by 103 yes, 0 no and 0 abstained.

Nominations for School Leadership Team (Two-year Term, 2021-2023)

Parent SLT Representative - Michelle Byron

Parent SLT Representative – Susan Anderson

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Transportation: Co-President Jerome Kramer provided an update. There were 700 responses to the transportation survey. Tamis is the company that seems to be preferred out of Queens. In Manhattan, enthusiasm was reported for Tamis, Citybus and S&J. S&J provides Coach buses which are not permitted to take NY state parkways. It is recommended that parents contact the various companies mentioned themselves to receive answers to their questions including checking out refund policies. Airtable information is available to parents, along with an opinion poll.

Auction Report: Tracy Ballas gave the auction update ... it is happening this Saturday, May 15th! Parents were encouraged to join the event and bid.

Cafeteria Renovation Reso-A Report: Co-President Cliff Stanton gave an update about the need for completion funds for the cafeteria renovation project. \$975K is still needed and information is in the recent newsletter about how parents can advocate NYC city council members for these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm