

Notes for 12/15/21

Bronx High School of Science Parents Association Meeting

Meeting convened at 7:35 pm

Minutes from the November 16, 2021 general Parents Association meeting were unanimously approved. Yan Yu motioned to pass and Weilli seconded.

Principal's Update: Principal Rachel Hoyle gave an update that the 2nd marking period is complete and grades have been captured. The school will institute optional math and physics targeted tutoring as a new program. The winter concert is coming up next week. Iron Maidens were honored and students received proclamations from State Senator Biaggi. Dates will soon be announced for PSAT for 10th graders and PSAT sign-ups will be after winter break. SAT for juniors is scheduled on March 23rd. The school daily schedule may be affected for the dates that PSAT and SAT testing is offered. Uniformed midyear specifics will be coming out soon. Principal Hoyle fielded questions from parents in the audience.

Guest Speaker Eleanor Coufos: Eleanor is an alum from class of '99 and was President of her Senior Class. She spoke about what is special about the Bronx Science student body and the Bronx Science community. Eleanor described the function of the Bronx Science Alumni Foundation, what the foundation supports and highlighted various summer programs which may be offered to students later this year. Atom Link is the Bronx Science version of LinkedIn. Student programs that have been offered in the past include the Brunner Awards, Bronx Science Design Institute, Programming Academy, Biology Research Institute, Climate Leadership Institute and Entrepreneurship Lab. Eleanor fielded questions from parents in the audience.

PTA Award of Gratitude: Eleanor Coufos, Rachel Hoyle, Andrew Nasser and Cindy Golan received awards of gratitude from the Parents Association for their exceptional service to the school this past year.

Treasurer/Fundraising Update: Ken Ho gave the treasurers report. Fundraising increased \$70K since the last report and total fundraising revenue this year to date was reported at \$213K. Expenses increased \$9K over the last month for total year to date expenses of \$95K. Total cash balance is at \$648K.

Special expenditure: a motion was made for reallocation of \$5000 in PA funds. Elizabeth Polkovitz raised the motion and Christine Kattan seconded. Motion approved for \$5000 of funding to be allocated to weekend furniture installation in the new Student Center. Cost is \$5000 for manpower for a weekend installation. Money was reallocated to the furniture installation from the student planner budget of \$11,000 which was not all needed.

SLT Report: Jerome Kramer reported on the SLT. Parent and faculty members continued their work on the committee.

Safety Report: Cliff Stanton reported that to date the year has been fairly quiet regarding safety. When kids are on campus school security is responsible for their welfare. When kids leave campus at lunch and other times, they may go to various parts of the neighborhood where they need to be careful and aware for their own safety. School security cannot help your children when they are off campus. Between 4 – 6 pm, there is a safety corridor on Paul Avenue.

Website Design Update: Christine Kattan reported that she and Dorie Paparo are working with Educational Networks on a free website update. There will be a focus group later this winter to help create a more accessible, user friendly, content rich website that serves the school and PA.

Important Upcoming Dates: Next virtual meeting: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:45 pm.