

Notes for 3/23/22

Bronx High School of Science Parents Association Meeting

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

86 participants

Minutes from the February 16, 2022 general Parents Association meeting were unanimously approved. Dorie Paparo motioned to pass and Christine Kattan seconded.

Principal's Update: Principal Rachel Hoyle gave an update about the state of the school. PSATs and SATs are happening this week. Parent teacher conferences were virtual and went smoothly. If parents were unable to meet with a particular teacher, they are welcome to follow up individually. The Student Organization created a "March in her Shoes" for International Women's month. A focus group of parents who have children with IEP's was held this month. The school is prepared for students to be excused for the Climate Strike on Friday.

Treasurer/Fundraising Update: Ken Ho gave the treasurers report. Total revenues increased by \$32K to \$327K, mainly due to gala sponsorship, comedy night proceeds, and donations. Total expenses increased by \$19K to \$147K, mainly senior expenses and departmental request. Cash balance is at \$709K.

SLT Report: Michelle Byron reported on the SLT. Parent and faculty members continued their work related to how to best serve students with IEPs. Discussions took place about students being in person vs. online and how some students were burned out by remote schooling / the pandemic. SLT Bylaws need to be adjusted.

Auction Update: Gala chair Tracy Ballas shared that the gala is 7 weeks away. Earlybird pricing for tickets is available and only adults are permitted to attend. Parents are encouraged to solicit donations for the auction and to attend the event itself. The last raffle of the year will be for a macbook pro.

By-laws Review Committee presentation: Joli Golden and Ellen Goldberg shared proposed changes to the Bronx Science PA By-laws. These changes were approved by the EB. Changes will be posted online and shared with the full parent body before a vote is taken for approval at the April general meeting.

Highlights of by-laws changes include:

- Minutes and other documents may be saved in an online format.
- Up to 3 Co-Presidents may serve on the PA executive board
- The slate of nominees for the PA Board will be presented in April and elections will be held in May moving forward
- Meetings may be held in person or virtually or hybrid, but elections may not be held in a hybrid meeting.
- Financial matters – use of a debit card, no checks written to petty cash or cash etc.
- Emergency expenditure of up to \$1000 will now be available for the Executive Board to allocate as needed.
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Nominating Committee Update: Alison Gardy gave an update about the nominations process. She encouraged people to run for open positions and to give back to the school. Alison discussed the positions and shared which positions have parents who are already interested in certain spots. Nominations close April 22nd for the May election. Parents can email nominations@bxsciencepa.org to nominate themselves or another parent for a position.

Student Panel: Andrew Nasser moderated a panel with students about “How to Have Difficult Conversations with Teens”

Important Upcoming Dates: Next virtual meeting: Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.