

Notes for 6/15/22

Bronx High School of Science Executive Board Meeting

5:45 pm

EB Member Attendance: Jennifer Allen, Danielle Donovan, Sheila Drumm, Weili Fang, Ellen Goldberg, Joli Golden, Ram Halder, Ken Ho, Christine Kattan, Jerome Kramer, Katia Kubicek, Kai Lu, Abhilasha Mahan, Dorie Lederfajn Paparo, Jayesh Patel, Elizabeth Polkovitz, Novelle Maxwell-Sinclair, Paul Sinclair, Cliff Stanton, Li Ping Xu, Mimi Yee, Yan Yu

Not in attendance:

Irena Chklovskii

Dongli Huang

Weilin Li-Marabello

Minutes from the May 18, 2022 EB meeting were unanimously approved. Jayesh Patel made the motion to pass and Yan Yu seconded.

Principal's Update: Principal Rachel Hoyle gave an update about the state of the school. Lots happening now and in the week ahead ... senior awards, sports awards, cultural day, alumni day, open house for accepted students, junior and senior proms, spring carnival, last day of classes. Regents exams are currently in full effect.

Principal Hoyle commented that there is a great deal we don't know about the new proposed law regarding class size limits. If we moved to class size at a 25 pupil limit, the school would need to lower enrollment by over 100 students.

The school may be able to get an exemption to this new proposed law.

The new lab building should be finished ahead of schedule in the fall.

Treasurer/Fundraising Update: Ken Ho gave the treasurers report. As of June 11th, revenues are ahead of budget by \$15K, and expenses are lower than the budget by \$147K, resulting in net income (surplus) of \$162K as of June 11, with cash balance of \$692K. Additional spending is expected to support senior year events including the prom, plus hospitality events for the school as requested by the school administration. Full year surplus is expected to be around \$150K, pending final spending requests from the school which might require budget line item reallocations with no change to total budget amount.

Transition Update: Cliff and Jerome thanked everyone for their service. Christine Kattan gave an update welcoming the new members of the board and reflected upon the past two years. She shared a video to thank Cliff and Jerome for their service and dedication to the school. The video featured music, photos and inspiring quotes including thank you messages from current board members.

Other Business:

Audit: On June 6th the audit committee convened at the school including Sheila Drumm, Kai Lu and Paul Goldfarb plus observers Christine Kattan, Jerome Kramer, Weilin Li-Marabello and Li-Ping Xu. Ken Ho put together a presentation to share our PA financial process. The audit went smoothly and is now complete.

Website: The new website went live as of June 6th. Christine and Dorie have received lots of positive feedback. The administration has been updating the site more often since the new launch. Content will be updated by members of teams and clubs as well. A safety and security page has been added.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Graduation: Thursday, June 23rd 12:30pm at Arthur Ashe Stadium

Last Day of School: Monday, June 27th

End of Current Term for Executive Board Members: Thursday, June 30th

First Day of School 2022-23: Thursday, September 8th

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm