

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science General Membership Meeting
19 October 2022, 7:00pm
VIRTUAL only (Zoom)

Christine Kattan, PA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:01.

Yan Yu motioned to approve the 20 September 2022 EB meeting minutes; Ellen Goldberg seconded; 93% of attendees approved; 7% abstained. (Christine reminded members that the sign-up form to receive PA emails is on the website.)

Principal's Report: Principal Hoyle said it has been a busy month. The first marking period is over; the Club Fair was held and clubs have started; athletics have begun; Big Bronx was held in-person; 9th and 10th grade advisory has started; freshman enjoyed "Fresh & Fringe;" Fall College Night offered a presentation by the Admissions Director at Duke; juniors took the PSAT; Project Accepted was held; Spanish Heritage Month is being celebrated.

Treasurer's Report: Kai Lu presented a slide reporting income of \$50K from July through 10/19 and detailing expenses of \$24,379 (\$12,031 for student subscriptions (Naviance); \$8,268 in PA Admin expenses; \$3,794 for Academic Teams and \$286 in other expenses. The 9/30 bank balance was \$642K. The PA has switched to QuickBooks software.

Direct Appeal/Fundraising Update: Yan Yu announced that BxSci was recently voted the #1 HS in NY. NYS education funding is down. The PA is asking for a \$750 donation per child—Hunter and Stuy ask for more. There are several ways to donate. Comedy Night on 20 October is a fundraiser for the school featuring former parents Zarna Garg, who promoted her show via a recorded video.

Volunteer Opportunities: A number of positions currently held by parents of seniors will be open next year. We are asking for people to come forward now so they can learn from the incumbents. The PA needs:

- Constant Contact Manager (in charge of sending out email blasts)
- Hospitality Co-Chair (must be able to come to school and sometimes during the day)
- Merchandise Manager
- Nominations Committee Chair

Volunteers are also needed for the Open House on 1 November.

SLT Report: Susan Anderson reports the full SLT continued reviewing the CEP goals: 1) increasing the satisfaction from the survey to 70% from 53%; 2) increasing the grades of students with IEPs; 3) 100% graduation rate; 4) 100% college acceptance rate. The meeting also had break-outs for action plans.

Nominating Committee: Chair Alison Gardy explained that first up is the election for 3 freshman/incoming parent PA Executive Board members-at-large and then that of 1 freshman parent SLT representative.

PA EB Nominee Statements and Election: No new nominations from the floor. Candidates

Jung Eun Ha, Heba Hazzaa, Xia Li, Helen Qiu, Ernie Sander and Amy Xue gave 90-second statements. Roxana Cheng motioned for a vote, with Alyssa Cheng seconding. 229 of 254 eligible voters cast their votes. Xia Li, with 66%, Helen Qiu, with 53% and Amy Xue, with 70% were elected as members-at-large.

SLT Nominee Statements and Election: No nominations for the floor. No statement is required for an uncontested election and technical difficulties delayed Yanjun Wang's statement. Alison Gardy moved to approve her election, with a second from Ali Aath. 96% voted yes; 1% no, with 3% abstaining. Newly-elected Yanjun Wang gave a statement. The spring election will be in May. The Nominating Committee will form in January and is looking for new members.

Guidance Office Update: Andrew Nasser, AP of Guidance, spoke about different ways to ask students about their days. He recommends: <https://www.teachstarter.com/us/blog/35-different-way-ask-day-us/> and suggests asking questions about specific activities/experiences rather than classes. The Guidance Department will have a Harry Potter theme for Halloween. Mr. Nasser suggests helping students establish a routine, including breaks, for doing homework and encourages kids to find their niche in school. He will be back next month with a panel of outside mental health professionals.

A recording of this meeting can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTWhN1apyoM>

The next meeting is Tuesday, 15 November at 7:00 pm. Hybrid or virtual TBD.

Christine Kattan adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.