

**Parents Association of The Bronx High School of Science Executive Board Meeting  
December 13, 2022, 5:30 p.m. HYBRID**

**Members attending (17) In-person:** Co-Presidents Christine Kattan, Jayesh Patel, Elizabeth Polkovitz; Co-Vice Presidents Jennifer Allen-Cheng, Yan Yu; Assistant Treasurers Ram Halder, Li Ping Xu; Co-Recording Secretary Katia Kubicek (taking minutes); Members-At-Large Ellen Goldberg, Helen Qiu, Amy Xue; **Remote:** Co-Recording Secretaries Sheila Drumm, Dorie Lederfajn Paparo; Corresponding Secretary Dongli Huang; Members-At-Large Xia Li, Abhilasha Mahan, Mimi Yee; **Not attending (3):** Treasurer Kai Lu; Members-At-Large Novelle Maxwell-Sinclair, Paul Sinclair.

Christine Kattan called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. (The board met earlier and for a briefer time because of the in-person general meeting. Unexpected absences of parents who were supposed to be setting up the meeting also meant board members were juggling set-up with the EB meeting.)

No motion was made to approve the 15 November meeting minutes as we were so pressed for time. The President's Report was tabled until January.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Kai Lu's absence, Christine Kattan gave the report. Fundraising is basically even with last year at this time. We are 40% to our target as of 11/20. Expenses are 17% of the budget.

**Fundraising Update:** Yan Yu reported that we are 65% to our goal as on 10 December. Most donations were made online. Christine Kattan raised again the issue of the donor wall and said we have 2 options: 1) a wall with the names of all donors, but no monetary amounts; 2) 2 groups of donors- 1 category of up to \$750 and then levels TBD for amounts over \$750. Principal Hoyle then arrived, pausing the discussion.

**Principal's Report:** Rachel Hoyle reported that SHSAT testing is finished and that the admissions timeline will be moved up. The school play was a big success. The SO Cabinet has a "12 Days of Coping" initiative. Early Decisions results for seniors will be in soon and the guidance department is prepared for students dealing with the inevitable disappointment. The SEL screener that was required last year has been dropped because it was very time-consuming for teachers and didn't provide new or helpful information. ½ of 9th graders did a self-survey (the other ½ will be in February). It found they rate themselves as equipped to deal with feelings, but less equipped to deal with studying stress.

Back to the donor wall discussion: Christine Kattan asked that, owing to the brevity of the meeting time, the discussion be tabled until January.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 11 January at 5:45 p.m. REMOTE only.

Christine Kattan adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.