

**Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science General Membership Meeting
8 February 2023, 7:00 p.m. HYBRID**

Christine Kattan, PA Co-President, called the meeting to order at 7:03.

Michelle Byron motioned to approve the 11 January PA meeting minutes; Jennifer Allen-Cheng seconded; the minutes were approved.

Principal's Report: Principal Hoyle reported that Mideyears are over; it is S.O. Cabinet election season– elections will be in late March; a Black History Month gallery is on display in the auditorium; the latest issue of the Science Survey is out; Winter College Night will take place next week; the DOE School Survey will be out in hard copy and online and is very important; Summer Institutes will be announced soon; summer school might take place at BxSci; after the Alumni Foundation Instagram incident the school will host a Safe Space meeting and deal with the students involved on an individual basis.

Nominating Committee: The candidates are Ellen Goldberg (12th-grade parent), Jodi Solomon (10th) Alison Rogovin (9th) Elaine Cipriano (9th) and Lcy Yang (11th). A motion to approve the slate of nominees was made and seconded and the slate was elected by the in-person attendees. The online poll did not work initially. The poll worked later in the meeting.

SLT Report: Michelle Byron spoke about the CEP goals to 1) increase personal attention; 2) have teachers visit other classrooms; 3) help IEP students improve their grades and have all Discovery students pass their classes.

Treasurer's Report: Kai Lu presented a chart showing we are 62.4% of the way to our target revenue of \$443K and expenses are 25% there at \$110,573. Our 1/31 bank balance is \$813K. January donations of \$29,593 is net of the \$6,800 OneCause annual fee and the \$3,600 Yankees tickets prepayment. The Interim Financial Report of the 7/1/22 to 12/31/22 period was due at the DOE on 1/31/23. We need volunteers for the audit committee.

Direct Appeal/Fundraising Update: Yan Yu reported that around 550 families have donated. There are 4 ways to donate: 1) by phone, you can text 917-920-2677; 2) go to our PA website at bxsciencepa.org 3) by regular mail– you should have received the fundraising letter (with return envelope); 4) ask your employer to match your gift.

Spring Gala: Co-chair Gabrielle Koelbel asked for volunteers to help solicit donations. There is a gala Zoom meeting every Saturday from 2:00-4:00.

The online poll was relaunched and the Nominating Committee slate passed. Welcome to the new members.

Co-President's Report: Elizabeth Polkovitz provided an update on Fair Student Funding. The DOE

has added weights for students in temporary or transitional housing and for schools with multiple needs. No weights are being removed; no funding reduced. These new weights are estimated to cost an additional \$90 million. The vote will be in April. The 2/15 CCHS meeting will include a PEP presentation of the proposal. CCHS and CEC nominations are open. Parents/guardians vote in the district in which their child attends school. The PA cannot endorse anyone. Every parent/guardian needs their own MyStudent account in order to vote

Safety Report: Jayesh Patel reminds us that there is a Safety and Security section under the Parents tab on the school website.

Presentation: APs Andrew Nasser and Dr. Allison Davis gave an overview of the course selection process. All slides will be sent to families. A link to the recording of their presentation is [here](#). The Coffee with the Principal on 2 March will repeat this presentation. Important Dates:

17 February: Students will receive an email with a list of qualified entry courses for which they are pre-approved

27 February: Elective Day during 9th and 10th periods

17 February-3 March: Application period for students to apply to qualified entry classes

20 March: Students will receive an email with update qualified-entry approvals

21 March-27 March: Course selection period

Students will receive preliminary schedules for 2023-2024 by email.

This meeting was recorded.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 15 March at 5:45 p.m. REMOTE only.

Christine Kattan adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.