

**Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science General Membership Meeting  
15 March 2023, 7:00 p.m. REMOTE**

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

Ernie Sander motioned to approve the 8 February PA meeting minutes; Jayesh Patel seconded; the minutes were approved.

**Principal's Report:** Principal Hoyle congratulated 42 National Merit finalists, as well as research students in 2 competitions and the girls indoor track on winning the City Championships; SING presented their musical; the robotics teams hosted the middle school LegoLeague championships. We are in the middle of the course selection process. We had elective day and students have applied for classes they weren't approved for, with results sent next week. From 21-27 March they fill out the course selection form. They should give themselves enough time because it is a lengthy form, but they can edit it even after submission. The Accepted Student Open House is on Monday. Seniors are working on a presentation for it. SAT and PSAT will be given next week. Parent-Teacher Conferences are also next week. The Lunar New Year production and student elections are at the end of the month. Emails out about Summer Institutes at the new Manne Center and traditional summer school are out. Applications are due 5/15. We are hopeful summer school will be in the building. Please fill out the DOE School Survey. The response rate is currently 15% and we really need it to be higher.

**Nominating Committee:** Jodi Solomon reports that elections are on 17 May for the PA Executive Board and the SLT. Any parent or guardian is eligible to run; descriptions are in the by-laws. 2 of the 5 Member-at-Large seats are still uncontested; 3 SLT positions are open; we need 1 co-recording secretary. Christine interjected that we have a full co-recording secretary slate. You can nominate yourself or someone else until 21 April. Elections will be 17 May during the general PA meeting. The EB is 1-year term; SLT is 2. Slates will be introduced at the next PA meeting, but nominations are open until midnight on 21 April.

**SLT Report:** Susan Anderson described the School Leadership Team, a team consisting of the principal, 1 PA co-president, teachers, parents and 2 students. It meets every month. Going forward the meetings will be in school in-person. The SLT reviews the CEP, sets goals and budget and staffing plan. Participation gives a lot of insight into how the school runs. Today the SLT discussed by-law changes and progress towards CEP actions and goals.

**Treasurer's Report:** In Kai's absence, Christine reported revenue is \$306,134; we are 69.1% to our target in revenue. Expenses are budgeted at \$443,000; currently at \$119,809, but many requests come in at the end of the year. We will look at our targets and adjust as needed for next year. Most money comes in in October and December. Expenses are student expenses primarily. Please reach out to the co-presidents with questions about expenses. We need 3 people for the audit committee. This is a 3-hour commitment in June. Email co-presidents with questions.

**Direct Appeal/Fundraising Update:** Yan Yu said we have reached our direct appeal goal of \$300,000! We have collected about \$301,000. Last year's goal was \$250,000; this year it was \$300,000. More than 580 families contributed. Matching funds brought in \$28,285. You can still donate by phone, website, check and ask if your employer will match your donation.

**Spring Gala:** Co-chair Gabrielle Koelbel announced that tickets are officially on sale. \$100 early bird special until 5 April; \$125 as of 6 April; we still need volunteers at the gala itself and/or the weekend before. We are still looking for donations. There is a weekly Saturday 2-4 Zoom meeting of the gala committee. Please join.

Christine did the raffle drawing for the MacBook Pro 13". Roxana Cheng won.

**Co-President's Report:** Christine gave a shout-out to Alice Lee, who handles PA social media. We have public Instagram and Facebook pages, but there is also a private FB page. If you are interested in joining the 9th grade Welcome Committee contact the co-presidents. Elizabeth mentioned the CCHS Forum on 22 March at 6:00 pm; 30 March Superintendent Fia Davis Town Hall. We are looking for 20 families to attend and post in chat that they are from BxSci so our presence is known.

**Presentation:** AP of Guidance Andrew Nasser: How to Have Difficult Conversations with Teens. According to Forbes, the 5 Cs of communication are: clear, concise, compelling, curious, compassionate. A student panel (Jadyn Sinclair, sophomore; Tripp Ward, junior; Hallel Abrams Gerber, junior; Sheikh Islam, senior; Stefano Sarkodie, freshman) answered questions submitted by parents. Mr. Nasser also asked the panel about dealing with the college process.

**Other Business:** None.

This meeting was not recorded.

The next meeting is Wednesday, 19 April at 7:00 p.m. HYBRID.

Christine Kattan adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.