

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

Members attending (19) In-person: Co-Presidents Christine Kattan, Jayesh Patel, Elizabeth Polkovitz; Co-Vice President Jennifer Allen-Cheng; Treasurer Kai Lu; Assistant Treasurers Ram Halder, Li Ping Xu; Co-Recording Secretary Katia Kubicek (taking minutes); Member-at-Large Xia (Lisa) Li; **Remote:** Co-Recording Secretaries Sheila Drumm, Dorie Lederfajn Paparo; Corresponding Secretary Dongli Huang; Members-At-Large Ellen Goldberg, Abhilasha Mahan, Helen Qiu, Novelle Maxwell-Sinclair, Paul Sinclair, Amy Xue, Mimi Yee; **Not attending (1):** Co-Vice President Yan Yu.

Elizabeth Polkovitz called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

No motion was made to approve the 11 January meeting minutes.

President's Report:

1) Donor Wall Vote: including that of absent Yan Yu, who emailed her vote.

Option 1: Bronze Donor (\$5 to \$749), Silver Donor (\$750 to \$2499), Gold Donor (\$2500 to \$4999), Platinum Donor (\$5000 +) **6 votes**

Option 2: Bronze Donor (\$5 to \$999), Silver Donor (\$1000 to \$ 2499), Gold Donor (\$2500 to \$4999), Platinum Donor (\$5000 +) **1 vote**

Option 3: Names only, no amounts. **10 votes**

Option 4: No donor wall. **3 votes**

Option 3 passed. The wall, of door names only, will start on 1 July 2023.

2) Elizabeth provided an update on Fair Student Funding. The DOE proposal does not remove any weights or reduce any funding and adds weights for students in temporary or transitional housing and for schools with multiple needs (such as English Language Learners, poverty and students with special needs). These new weights are estimated to cost an additional \$90 million. The 2/15 CCHS meeting will include a PEP presentation of the proposal.

3) 13 February is the deadline to apply to run for the CEC (limited to parents with students in K-8). At least one BxSci parent is running for the CCHS.

4) At the general meeting we will vote for the nominating committee members. There are two 9th-grade parents, one 10th, one 11th and one 12th (our very own Ellen Goldberg) running.

5) Next month we will need to form an audit committee, for which we need 1 EB member volunteer. Sheila Drumm was a member last year.

Principal's Report: Rachel Hoyle reported that midyears are over and went well; the Science Olympiad hosted regionals and came in 2nd; there is a Black History Month gallery up in the auditorium; the lunch

provided by the PA on 30 January Professional Development Day was much appreciated; there will be an accepted student open house in March; the Alumni Foundation summer offerings will be out soon; there will also be summer school, although we do not yet know if it will be in the school building; the annual school survey goes home tomorrow. She also discussed the Instagram incident. All comments have been deleted from the Alumni Foundation account and current students who are directly involved have been disciplined and referred to the guidance department. The DOE in conjunction with outside organizations will facilitate a meeting between the Jewish Student Union and the Muslim Student Association, which will be open to all students. Students need better lessons about online behavior. These lessons will perhaps be built into the health curriculum. Community agreements already exist and this sort of abusive behavior is not apparent in-person in school. ChatGPT is being discussed among the teachers, with class discussion forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report: Kai reported that the Interim Financial Report of the 7/1/22 to 12/31/22 period was due at the DOE on 1/31/23 as part of the audit process. 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. We are 62.4% to our target in revenue and 25% to our budgeted expenses.

Fundraising Update: Yan Yu emailed slides. We are \$48,758 short of our \$300K direct appeal goal. \$8,K came in since the January meeting. 531 families have donated, a 50% increase over last year. 5.5% of families who donated gave more than \$750. That money represents 65% of the total donated.

Other Business: The 3/20 open house for accepted students will include presentations and a tour. We need volunteers. The college fair will be in April.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 15 March at 5:45 p.m. REMOTE only.

Elizabeth Polkovitz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.