

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science
PA Meeting
June 13, 2023, 7:00pm
In person and on Zoom

Christine Kattan commenced the meeting at 7:02

Michelle made a motion, seconded by Jamileh, to approve the 17 May 2023 meeting minutes, which were duly approved.

Christine Kattan began with thanks to Principal Rachel Hoyle for the year.

Principal's Report: Principal Hoyle reported that Rent was performed as the school musical; there were 2 spring concerts; the Research Expo was on 12 June; academic and sports teams are having celebrities; the carnival was held, as well as an Earth Day celebration and the spring Open House; Camp Science was canceled because of the wildfires, but will be part of orientation; there was a research celebration and senior awards. Seniors are unofficially done as of today. Their prom is on 6/2; the Alumni Foundation sponsors a BBQ for them on 6/21 when they collect their caps and gowns. There is school on 6/26 and 6/27 is the career symposium. Regents exams start tomorrow. Summer school and summer institutes are starting soon. Senior parents will be missed.

SLT Report: Yanjun Wang briefly discussed the CEP goals from the year and continued SEL. The SLT is exploring the implications of the new law reducing class sizes to 25 (other than for arts classes). The SLT is also doing community outreach to non-English-speaking school communities. There are active WhatsApp chats and translation for the Chinese community, but we need these networks and services for others. Elizabeth Polkovitz stressed that the DOE hasn't yet figured out what the smaller class size law will mean and, in any case, it will not be in effect for the '23-'24 school year.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Kai Lu, Elizabeth Polkovitz reported that we exceeded our fundraising goals and have actual revenues of \$502,109! The '23-'24 budget will be larger. The annual appeal brought in \$300,000. The gala: \$110,000 (with \$30,000 from the paddle raise). Raffles brought in about \$15,000. We have 3 a year and need to stay under a \$20,000 legal limit in order not to have to deal with other paperwork. We are planning a live comedy night for the fall and increasing financial support in several areas. Paul Sinclair made a motion to approve the budget; Bryan Liff seconded. The budget passed.

AUDIT: Paul Goldfarb

Paul as chair of the Audit Committee gave the report remotely. The 5 members met on May 24, 2023 with the following Committee members:

- Amy Xue
- Eniko Horvath
- Jamileh-Sofia diGuida
- Kathy Sheehan
- Kristen Lasky

The Audit timeframe was June 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Other EB members taking part in Audit meeting as observers:

- Christine Kattan
- Elizabeth Polkovitz
- Kai Lu
- Li Ping Xu
- Ken Ho

It was a standard Audit based on sound processes and the report was delivered on June 12, 2023 to PA Presidents. Conclusion of Audit: All is in order.

Christine thanks Paul for taking on the Audit for the second year in a row, bringing his professional expertise once again.

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Christine Kattan

Last month we heard from Principal Rachel Hoyle and AP Andrew Nasser with an extensive "State of the School" report. Tonight we have a much briefer "State of the PA."

- First year the PA has been truly operational since 2019
- Re-learning how everything works in person
- Rebuilt standing committees
- Community building efforts
- Centralized record keeping
- Better understanding of budget for an in-person year
- Accomplished a sound Audit
- From an operations standpoint, putting processes in place for transitions of EB roles between parents as they roll off and on
- Exceeded fundraising goals

While we thank individuals weekly in the PA Newsletter and on the PA site, tonight we would like to give BIG THANKS to a few special constituencies:

- Outgoing (mostly graduating) EB members
 - Jayesh Patel, PA Co-President
 - Li Ping Xu, Assistant Treasurer

- Sheila Drumm, Co-recording Secretary
- Dongli Huang, Corresponding Secretary
- Ellen Goldberg, MAL
- Abhilasha Mahan, MAL
- Novelle Maxwell-Sinclair, MAL
- Paul Maxwell-Sinclair, MAL
- Mimi Yee, MAL
- Outgoing (graduating) SLT members
 - Deborah Alexander
 - Susan Anderson
 - Michelle Byron
- Prior EB and SLT members graduating
 - Cliff Stanton, PA Co-President
 - Ayelet Yoles, SLT
 - Ken Ho, Treasurer
 - Danielle Donovan, VP
 - Alison Gardy, Nominating Committee Chair
 - Tracy Ballas, Gala Chair
 - May Yee, Gala Solicitations (for 6 years)
 - Rhonda Sidual, Hospitality Chair
 - Chris Harwood, Merchandise Chair

MAIN EVENT Panel with AP Mr. Nasser: Recent BxSci Alumni Return to Share Their College Experiences

Mr. Nasser welcomes five recent graduates/current college students from Stony Brook, Northwestern, Yale, Tulane, and University of Chicago. Lively panel discussion ensues with a roomful of rapt parents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59.