

**Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science  
General Membership Meeting Agenda  
Dec 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

Meeting is called to order at 7:01pm.

Mr. Scala moves to pass the minutes. Mr. Eastman seconds. Minutes are approved unanimously.

**New Business**

1) Principal's Report - Rachel Hoyle

Winter concerts were held this Tuesday and Wednesday. Golden Locker Ticket lottery is ongoing - parents are encouraged to mention this to their students. Moot Court won the city-wide tournament.

2) Treasurer's Report - Julie Chin-Tom

Planned revenue and expenses: \$523,100; actual revenue and expenses through October: \$189,311 and \$166,515, respectively; bank savings as at November-end: \$940,547.

3) Fundraising Update - Helen Qiu and Helen Goldman

\$154,022 raised to date vs. ultimate goal of \$300,000. Four ways to donate: text 917-920-2677, website [bxsciencepa.org](http://bxsciencepa.org), regular mail, and employee match. Suggested donation per child is \$750.

4) Gala Update and Raffle Drawing - Gabrielle Kolbel and Arthur Wong

*Lights, Camera, Auction.* April 10, 2025 (Thursday) @ 6-10pm, Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 5th Ave. / 65th St. Contact Erin @ [ekromann@gmail.com](mailto:ekromann@gmail.com) to donate items for the auction. Raffle is drawn for iPhone16 and theater tickets, and the winner is announced; they will be contacted.

5) SLT Report - MJ Islas

Goals for Comprehensive Educational Plans (CEP), required by New York State, were reviewed.

6) Co-Presidents' Report

Yesterday, PEP approved the contract for Pearson to develop next year's SHSAT, with a 2-year extension possible; \$17m cost. A digital test format will be developed over the next 2 years.

7) Special Presentation: AP Andrew Nasser & Student Panel. *Assessing Guidance Resources*

A panel of five students gives insight into their experience with the Guidance Department. The Guidance Department has 12 counselors, each responsible for 273 students, and two social workers. Each GC follows their assigned students for all four years. There is an open-door policy for the Guidance Department. A department Instagram page has been set up for communication to parents and students (bxscguidance). Note that the college office is also located in the guidance area, and students may use the area to meet up. Social workers meet students for any issues that are on their minds *in confidence*.

GCs will reach out to each student by email for required meetings during each of their four years. Of particular note: juniors meet up with their GC in the spring to initiate the college application process.

8) Montefiore Medical Center Staff Presentation

Partnership with Bronx Science to begin in January, for mental health services. By September 2025, additional health services will be offered. Personnel will be present on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Mental Health Clinic in Bronx Science.

Next General Membership Meeting of the Parents Association will be held on January 16, 2025. Virtual only.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm.