

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science

General Membership Meeting Agenda

January 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Minutes taken by Mark Yim

Meeting is called to order at 7:04 pm.

Attending: 150 (as per Zoom screen count)

Ms. diGuida moves to approve the December 19, 2024, minutes. Messrs. Liff and Chan second. Minutes are approved by a majority show of hands.

Principal Hoyle's report. Principal Hoyle reports on summer opportunities at BxSci: Summer School, Alumni Foundation Awards, Brunner Awards.

Summer School: for-credit courses in health and arts at BxSci. June 30 - August 8 (tentatively).

Alumni Foundation Institute: beyond-classroom learning, organized by alumni, which gives exposure to careers, allows interaction with alumni, allows students to meet each other and have fun. Also included is the Manne Institute program, which focuses on research. Other offerings from last year: finance, government & law, arts, robotics, AI, entrepreneurship.

Brunner Awards: funding provided by alumni for self-directed programs. Note that application deadlines are strict, so interested parties should reach out now to their Guidance Counselors.

Ms. Chin-Tom's treasurer's report. Actual revenues to date (December 31, 2024) \$258,892, expenses to date \$188,246. Bank balance to date \$988,398. To smooth out cash flows and tweak line items for more-accurate categorization, certain small budget transfers are proposed, specifically, resulting in an expenditure increase of \$51,900, using reserve funds. Mr. Hawn moves and Mr. Liff seconds. Motion passes 97% yes to 3% abstaining.

Ms. Qiu fund-raising report. January 2025 to date, \$233,000, vs. December 2024 \$154,000. So, 78% toward the \$300,000 goal.

Ms. Koelbel, Chairman of the Spring Gala, gives an update. Date is set for Thursday April 10 at Temple Emanu-El. We are looking for more sponsors and auction donations. Winter Raffle went live recently and will be drawn at the next PA meeting, in February.

Mr. Josh Cahan shares the SLT report. Parents are welcome to reach out with ideas and concerns, which will be conveyed appropriately.

Mr Ashok's update on Yankees game night out. Date set for May 2 (Friday) Yankees vs. Tampa Bay Rays. Link to buy tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/BxSciYankees2025>. Voucher of \$15 is included in the price of the ticket.

Ms. Allen-Cheng gives Co-President's report. Committees associated with the Parents Association are planning for next school year's membership. All interested parties should reach out to any of the three Co-Presidents for more information. Those interested in joining the Nominating Committee (which will officiate the May 2025 Executive Board election) should reach out to the Co-Recording Secretaries for more information. Election for the Executive Board will be held remotely in May.

Mr. Chris Edel of the District Attorney's Office of NYC speaks about the dangers of fentanyl. About 110k die every year in the US from overdosing on fentanyl. This is far more than from traffic accidents. Fentanyl is the 3rd largest cause of teenage deaths in the US. Comments from attendees are positive, with several supporting the idea of giving this presentation (or similar) to the students.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:42 pm.