

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT
June 2, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ellen Dubin, co-President, at 7:05 pm. Approximately 35 parents were in attendance.

Approve May Minutes: There was a motion from the floor to approve the May 2016 Meeting minutes; the motion was seconded and the minutes were approved by show of hands, with none opposed

Principal's Report: There was no principal's report as Dr. Donahue was meeting with the Alumni Association and unable to attend

Auction & Bronx Week Parade Update:

- The annual auction was held on the evening of Friday, May 20th. A total of 215 parents / guests attended the fun-filled evening. Expenses are still being reconciled, however the event will most certainly exceed the budgeted fundraising goal of \$50,000.

- On Sunday, May 15th, members of the Bronx Science community participated in the Bronx Week Parade for the second year. Borough President Ruben Diaz sponsored this weeklong celebration of the Bronx culminating in a Sunday parade along Moshulu Parkway. Approximately 60 Bronx Science parents and students, including members of the Robotics team and a robot, marched in the parade. The robot threw t-shirts to B.P. Diaz in the grandstand, which was a big hit. The event was good for the community and demonstrated the school's commitment to the borough.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Heidi Moustakos reported on the current balances, fundraising progress to date, budgeted income, and expenses.

Elizabeth Newberry reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 budget and highlighted key changes vs. the current budget.

The following questions were asked about the budget:

Q: What is the remaining surplus?

A: Approximately \$240,000

Q: Is there a mechanism to increase the dollars in the budget if needed?

A: All school funding requests go through Assistant Principal Phoebe Cooper, and the PA can vote on any supplemental requests during the year

The proposed budget was approved by vote with none opposed.

SLT Report: Co-President Elizabeth Newberry shared the Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) goals and preliminary metrics that were adopted for the upcoming school year:

Goal	Metric
Rigorous Instruction	1 point improvement in Writing and Global / AP World History on certain parameters
Be a Supportive Environment	Results on Survey of College Process (will repeat survey last conducted in 2013)
Collaborative Teachers	Chemistry Regents
Effective School Leadership	95% of teachers observed rated Effective or Highly Effective
Family / Community Ties	Freshman Parent PupilPath logon rate, and potentially School Survey response rate

PA and SLT Elections: 2016-2017 School Year

There were no contested positions for next year's PA Executive Board or open SLT positions. The names of the candidates for each position were read aloud, and Anna Schuchmann (chair of the Nominating Committee) moved to approve the candidate slate. The slate was approved unanimously with none opposed and none abstaining.

Below is a list of the elected officers and SLT representatives:

2016-2017 Parents' Association Executive Board

Co-Presidents

Ellen Dubin
Betsy Newberry

First VP

Amy Davidson

Second VP

Weimin Huang

Treasurer

Heidi Moustakos

Co-Assistant Treasurers

Carey Barclay
Sudeep Kundu

Co-Recording Secretaries

Gordon Bakoulis
Elizabeth Langwith
Monica Toriello

Corresponding Secretary

Cathy Israelevitz

Members at Large

Hannah Cheng
Beth Cirone
Pam Godwin
Simone Kaplan
Paula Smeu

SLT

School Leadership Team

Kyle Abrams
Jodi Kule

Upcoming Events: Parent volunteers still needed for the June 8 and 9 events.

June 8 – 5:00pm Open House for 7th Graders, volunteers needed

June 9 – No School – Volunteers Needed for “Camp Science”

June 14: Regents Begin (students come to school only when they have an exam)

June 23 – No School

June 24 – Graduation

June 28 – Last day of school, noon dismissal

Proposal to make June 24 a non-attendance day: Bronx Science has been selected as a grading site for the Regents Exams, which will take place on June 24. Roughly 200 outside teachers will be in the school, and all the Bronx Science Physics and Chemistry teachers will be involved in the grading. In addition, graduation will be held that day and 50-60 teachers and the guidance department from Bronx Science will be attending graduation. As a result, the school has proposed making June 24 a non-attendance day.

The PA approved the proposal with none opposed.

Special Thanks to Graduating PA Executive Board Members: The co-Presidents gave a special thanks to the following parents who served on the PA Executive Board and whose children are graduating: Anna Schuchmann; Ingrid DeVita; Lixu Chen; and Heather Gibble.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Bronx Science recent alums Maggie Calmer, Izzy Sanchez, Juno Lee, Sam Maeglin & Harry Shapiro, returned from college to share their experiences of transitioning from Bronx Science to college and to respond to questions from the audience.

Co-Presidents Ellen Dubin and Elizabeth Newberry thanked our guests and wished all the parents a happy and healthy summer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.