

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF  
BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT  
September 19, 2016**

- 1) Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry commenced tonight's meeting at 7:02 pm.
- 2) Welcome and Introductions:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry welcomed the parents, thanked them for coming, reminded everyone that Weimin Hwang provides Chinese translation, and asked the Executive Board members to stand. Approximately 167 parents were in attendance.
- 3) Approval of June 2, 2016 General Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved. Co-President Elizabeth Newberry reminded everyone that the meeting minutes are posted on the PA website and there's a link in the Sunday eblasts.
- 4) Treasurer's Report and Budget:** Treasurer Heidi Moustakos reported on the current balances, fundraising progress to date, budgeted income, and expenses: About \$35,000 was raised 7/1/16-9/19/16 through the General Appeal. Expenses for period included \$10,000 Naviance, \$10K student Planners, and \$2.5K Project Accepted, and small amounts for postage/outreach.
- 5) Elections:** At the October General meeting there will be an election for a Freshman parent at large for the Executive Board and a Freshman SLT rep; nominations are open; parents can nominate themselves or another. Lara Stein nominated herself for Freshman parent at large.
- 6) Citywide High School Fair:** September 24-25 at Brooklyn Tech HS, 10am-3pm: Co-President Elizabeth Newberry said this is a great way to get involved and positively represent the school; you don't have to know anything—others there know the answers!
- 7) Principal's Welcome and Report:** Dr. Jean Donahue welcomed everyone and thanked the Executive Board members and other parents who helped at Project Accepted on September 18, which featured workshops for seniors on interview skills and mock interviews with Bronx Science alumni/ae. Project Accepted is funded by the Alumni Foundation.

Goals and areas of focus for the year: 1. Check students' work and their understanding of the material more often; 2. Story2 College online and in-class essay writing help/feedback for seniors' college application essays; 3. Teach students to appreciate differences and put themselves in others' place; 4. Improve teacher teams to enhance instruction; 5. Expand STEM opportunities: Elements of Engineering for freshmen, Coding for All for sophomores, Post-AP Physics; an invention factory, Desktop Robotics.

Dr. Donahue introduced and welcomed the new AP of Mathematics, Vikram Arora.
- 8) Upcoming events:** September 20, 3:45pm – SLT Meeting; September 24-25 - Citywide High School Fair at Brooklyn Tech HS, 10am – 3pm; September 27, 7pm - Paying for College Night; September 29, 8:30am - Breakfast with the Principal; October 3-4 Rosh Hashana – School Closed; October 10 – Columbus Day – School Closed; October 12 – Yom Kippur – School Closed; October 15-16 Bronx Borough High School Fair, Dewitt Clinton Campus, 11am - 3pm; October 20 – Fall Open House for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**9) Program:** Parents broke out by grade for the program: Freshmen had Intro to Communications at Bronx Science with Cindy Golan and others; Sophomores to Seniors had sessions with members of the Guidance Department about the year ahead for their student.

**The meeting ended at approximately 8:30pm. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 18, 2016.**

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