

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION OF  
THE BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE  
General Meeting Minutes – DRAFT  
January 17, 2017**

**1) Call to Order:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry commenced the meeting at 7:05 pm. Approximately 56 parents were in attendance.

**2) Approval of December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.

**3) Financial Report:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry gave a brief overview of the budget. Current income is approximately \$198,000, almost all of it coming from the Annual Appeal. So far, only about 25% of Bronx Science families have participated in the Annual Appeal. Expenses to date have totaled approximately \$78,000. She asked if there were any questions about the budget; no one had questions.

**4) Principal's Report:** Dr. Jean Donahue was not present due to illness, so there was no Principal's Report at this meeting.

**5) Proposed Amendments to PA Bylaws:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry went over a series of proposed changes to the PA bylaws, compiled by First Vice President Amy Davidson. Most of the changes are minor clarifications, updates to reflect current processes, or grammatical corrections. Prior to the PA meeting, the Executive Board had unanimously agreed to adopt the recommended updates. Parents have one month to review the proposed updates; a vote to approve them will be held at the February PA meeting.

**6) Important Upcoming Dates:**

January 19 at 8:30 am – Breakfast with the Principal: The Course Selection Process at Bronx Science

January 23-27 – Uniform Midyears (students come to school only for scheduled exams)

January 29 at 12:30 pm – Yoga Class at Pure Yoga (100% of proceeds go to the Bronx Science PA)

January 30 – Chancellor's Day (no school for students)

February 13 at 7:00 pm – PA Meeting (Topics: Course Selection Process, Insights from Parents of College Students)

February 15 at 3:45 pm – SLT Meeting

**7) Book Swap:** The PA Co-Presidents encouraged parents to take home used test-prep books (all donated by parents) from the tables outside the meeting room.

**8) Guest Speaker:** Alan Sheptin is the founder of Sheptin Tutoring Group, which provides academic support and exam prep tutoring for New York State students. Before starting his own company he taught at Kaplan, Educational Services Center, and the Center for Learning Skills. He is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the Independent Educational Consultants Association. He has a BA in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA in Finance from Fordham University and a certificate in College Counseling through UCLA. His presentation, titled "ACT or SAT? What's the Difference and Why You Should Care," will be available on the Bronx Science PA website. After his presentation, he raffled off two prizes: (1) a two-hour private tutoring session and (2) a set of test-prep books.

**9) Adjournment:** Co-President Elizabeth Newberry adjourned the meeting at around 8:45 pm.