

**Parents' Association of  
The Bronx High School of Science  
General Meeting Minutes-Draft  
November 13, 2017**

**Call to order:** Co-President Monica Toriello called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**In Attendance:** Approximately 66 parents.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Donahue reported that Open School Week was being held that week and there was a small but enthusiastic turnout on the first day. Homecoming will be next week. The school is looking forward to recent graduates returning for this.

Dr. Donahue took questions from the floor:

Parent asked a question regarding teachers easing off a bit for seniors in light of the college application process going on now. Dr. Donahue's response was that while the teachers are not easing up on expected workload, she does believe some of the pressure has been reduced since research papers are almost done being submitted to the Regeneron Science Talent Search and other national competitions, and many students have completed some ED/EA college applications already.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes made by Monica Toriello. Minutes from October 18, 2017 meeting unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Donohoe reported on current budget.

Incoming:

Annual appeal has taken in more than \$90K to date.

Sponsorships and merchandise sales have also brought in some income.

Outgoing:

Budgeted amount (or less) has been spent for student electives, subscriptions, clubs, teams, student planners, hospitality, and internet upgrade.

**Auction Update:** Spring Benefit will be held May 17, 2018 at Temple Rodoph Sholom on West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street. Betsy Newberry is looking for volunteers. Please look for ways to sign up coming soon.

**SLT Report:** The school's Comprehensive Education Plan (CEP) for this year specifies 6 new School Goals.

One of the goals was discussed at this meeting:

Due to an increase in Early Decision and Early Action college applications, the school administration and guidance dept. will begin the college process in the spring of sophomore year to better prepare students. Sophomore families will now have a college kick-off meeting in spring of sophomore year and will also be invited to the college fair that the school hosts each Spring.

**Approval of Bronx Presidents' Council Designee:**

Motion made for John Keller, parent of freshman student, to represent the school as the designee at the Bronx Presidents' Council meetings.

Voted on and unanimously approved.

**Fundraiser Update:** November 28 is *Giving Tuesday* and the Bronx Science PA is beginning a new fundraising campaign this year involving texting our community to ask for donations for the annual appeal. This will replace the Phone-a-thon.

**Clean Up:** Request made by Co-Presidents to please stay and help clean up after PA meetings if you can. It is greatly appreciated.

**Guest Speaker:** Junior parent, Mag Sim, introduced tonight's guest speaker, Sean Grover (seangrover.com). He held a Q&A session about parenting teens and raffled off a free consultation.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Monica Toriello adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.