

Parents' Association of The Bronx High School of Science
General Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Co-President Monica Toriello commenced the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm. There were approximately 60 parents in attendance.
2. **Principal's Report:** Dr. Donahue noted the success of Mental Health Week (a week of activities planned by the Student Organization) and the importance of self-care. She also reported that Bronx Science had more semifinalists (17) than any other school in the nation for the Regeneron Science Talent Search. George Yancopoulos, President of Regeneron, visited this month as one of the 80th Anniversary Hall of Fame Alumni.
3. **Sponsor Introductions:** PA meeting sponsors Applerouth Tutoring Services, ThinkTank Learning, and Autonautics introduced themselves and said a few words about their services.
4. **Approval of December 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes were unanimously approved.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Donohoe reported income from the annual appeal totaling \$179K year to date, against an annual goal of \$205K. One of the big budget items this year was the Internet upgrade, which is expected to be complete by the end of January.
6. **SLT Report:** Co-President Monica Toriello reviewed the School Quality Snapshot, which is available on the NYC DOE website (schools.nyc.gov). She asked for increased parent participation in filling out the school surveys (39% last year). Based on survey results, the areas that could be improved at Bronx Science include feedback on students' work (only 63% of students said they learn a lot from feedback on their work; city average is 64%) and emotional support from teachers (only 49% of students said that teachers support them when they are upset; city average is also 49%).
7. **Co-President Elizabeth Langwith introduced guest speaker Jed Applerouth.** Jed is a teacher, counselor and educational innovator with a PhD in Education Psychology. He gave a presentation on strategies for successful test taking, reducing anxiety, and providing support. (His 100-page presentation is downloadable from the PA website at this URL: <https://bxsciencepa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Jed-Applerouth-Bx-Sci-Jan2018.pdf>)
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.