

## Notes for 6/15/22

### Bronx High School of Science Parents Association Meeting

#### Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

102 participants

Minutes from the May 18, 2022 general Parents Association meeting were approved. Christine Kattan motioned to pass and Jayesh Patel seconded.

**Principal's Update:** Principal Rachel Hoyle gave an update about the state of the school. Lots happening now and in the week ahead ... senior awards, sports awards, cultural day, alumni day, open house for accepted students, junior and senior proms, spring carnival, last day of classes. The last PD session of the year for teachers and admin staff focused on supporting students with executive function skills and supporting LGBTQ students. Regents exams are currently in full effect. Principal Hoyle expressed her gratitude to Cliff and Jerome for their terms as PA Presidents.

**Parent Coordinator Announcement:** Cindy Golan shared a farewell message at her last PA meeting and said what an honor it has been to serve the Bronx Science community. She is departing after 19 years of working at Bronx Science. Everyone misses Cindy already!

**Treasurer/Fundraising Update:** Ken Ho gave the treasurers report. As of June 11<sup>th</sup>, revenues are ahead of budget by \$15K, and expenses are lower than the budget by \$147K, resulting in net income (surplus) of \$162K as of June 11, with cash balance of \$692K. Additional spending is expected to support senior year events including the prom, plus hospitality events for the school as requested by the school administration. Full year surplus is expected to be around \$150K, pending final spending requests from the school which might require budget line item reallocations with no change to total budget amount.

**PA transition update** - incoming PA co-presidents - Christine Kattan, Jayesh Patel, Elizabeth Polkovitz. Christine Kattan introduced herself and acknowledged the service of Cliff and Jerome. Jayesh Patel made an appeal to parents to support the school and PA by volunteering and more. A link was put in the chat for parents to express volunteer interest. Elizabeth Polkovitz mentioned the need to recruit new parents for the gala and hospitality needs.

**Website:** Christine Kattan shared that the new website went live as of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Christine thanked her website development partner Dorie Paparo, the website committee and gave a live demo of the new website features and navigation.

**Audit:** Paul Goldfarb shared that on June 6<sup>th</sup> the audit committee of Sheila Drumm, Kai Lu and Paul himself convened at the school, plus observers Christine Kattan, Jerome Kramer, Weilin Li-Marabello and Li-Ping Xu. The audit covered July 2021 to May 2022. The last audit could not take place due to Covid precautions. The committee confirmed that the audit was completed successfully and that the financial processes of the school are sound.

**SLT Report:** Michelle Byron reported on the SLT. At the final meeting of the school year, the focus was on goals for students with IEPs (individualized education plans). Two percent of students in the school have IEPs. The CEP goal for these students may be changed to allow for a better comparison of grades of students with IEPs vs. the rest of the school. Others goals for students with IEPs may be to encourage

them to take an AP Class and/or to join a club/s. For next year, the plan is to send a letter about testing accommodations at the beginning of the year to students with IEPs and to have guidance counselors help students with IEPs to better select their classes.

**Safety Report:** Cliff Stanton encouraged everyone to keep their hands on the wheel and eyes on the road to stay safe through June and the months ahead.

**Life After Science Panel of recent grads moderated by AP Andrew Nasser.** Julia Sperling (Harvard), Arjun Mazumdar (U Chicago), Victoria Lesiczka (Tulane), Reid Papafloratos (ILR at Cornell) and Chidinma Agbasi (Brown) took part in a Q&A about their college experiences.

**Important Upcoming Dates:** Graduation: Thursday, June 23rd 12:30pm at Arthur Ashe Stadium

Last Day of School: Monday, June 27th

End of Current Term for Executive Board Members: Thursday, June 30th

First Day of School 2022-23: Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at XX pm.