Parent Teacher Association
General Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2012

Call to Order
The first General Meeting for the 2012-2013 academic year of the Brooklyn Technical High School (BTHS)’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was duly called to order by the newly elected Co-Presidents, Ms. Mariet Morgan and Ms. Aleccia Braithwaite.

Co-President’s Report
- Ms. Morgan and Ms. Braithwaite introduced the new members of the Executive Committee of the PTA.
- Ms. Morgan and Ms. Braithwaite welcomed the well-attended audience of returning and new BTHS parents.
- The June 2012 minutes were approved

Principal’s Report – Mr. Randy Asher
- Mr. Asher informed parents that the auditorium was nearly complete having received a generous donation from an alumni member.
- He welcomed all new parents to the school and assured them that their children would soon, if not having already, become acclimated to the building, the workload, the commuting, and the wonderful enriched programs BTHS has to offer.
- Mr. Asher said that, with the incoming new class, the student body was approximately at 5,500 students. BTHS is experienced in having a very large student body.
- Mr. Asher informed parents that there were only a few changes in the faulty beginning the 2012-2013 academic year. Including the promotions and teachers retired.
- Mr. Asher also made some remarks with regard to the absence of BTHS from the recently released NY Daily News High School Rankings. Regrettably, and accidentally, BTHS was omitted from the list. When Mr. Asher was made aware of our omission, he contacted the entity responsible for the list and asked what factors were considered. After some investigation, Mr. Asher determined that the data provided by BTHS had not been properly coded. Had the data been properly coded, BTHS would be in the top 15 high schools in New York City.
- Mr. Asher assured the parents that the classes offered at BTHS were significantly more advanced than many of the AP classes given at other high schools and that, as a technology school, BTHS was a leader in its field.

AP of Student & Parent Engagement Report - Ms. Marquez
- Ms. Marquez discussed the importance and impact of the Lunch Form Application for 2012 - 2013 and encouraged all families to complete the Application. A link is available on the BTHS website.
- Introduced and described the online tools BTHS parents have including DAEDALUS, MOODLE and SKEDULA.
Nominations for Freshman Vice President and School Leadership Team (SLT)

- Each candidate had an opportunity to introduce themselves
- Election will be during the October 2012 meeting

Freshman VP Nominations
Maria Almodovar
Irina Kruter
Oleg Lemberikman
Jean-Louis Mutolo
George Sheldon
Elissa Stein
Katie Vasilas

School Leadership Team SLT Nominations
April Bennett-Cherry
Manon Frappier – Cox
Roberta Ferdschneider
Sophia Lee
Joseph G. Yan

Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Lam
- Ms. Lam reviewed BTHS Budget and the Summary of Income and Expense for the Fiscal Year 1012-2013 through August 31, 2012
- The treasury report was approved.

Guest Speakers

Ms. Culella, AP of Engineering
- Discussed the changes in Design & Drawing for Production (DDP) software for 2012-2013 academic year
- The process for BTHS students to receive college credit from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

Mr. Piruz Partow, Musical Director, Brooklyn Music School
- Located at 126 Saint Felix Street, Fort Greene, a block away from BTHS, for the past 100 years.
- Mr. Partow introduced and described the variety of programs offered, including group and private instrument, vocal, and dance instructions for all ages, including after school programs.
- Mr. Partow offered new BTHS registrants a 15% discount on 30 minute private lessons.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

- Mr. Asher, Ms Marquez, Ms. Culella and members of the PTA Executive Committee stayed to answer individual’s specific questions.
Interpretations in Cantonese, Mandarin, Spanish and Russian was provided for parents and guardians in attendance.