Meeting of the General Membership
Meeting via Zoom on March 16, 2021

1. President’s Report: Jung Min Lee
   a. She had everyone share in the chat how they are feeling one year after the pandemic began
   b. We are now at another transitional point since many people want schools to reopen now
   c. Jung Min shared her own experience as an Asian American and invited others to join the various Lab support groups

2. Principal’s Report: Brooke Jackson
   a. Thanked Jung Min for modeling vulnerability and sharing her experience
   b. “Opening” of high schools, but only for those officially signed up as hybrid
      i. Most teachers have their exemptions through June
      ii. There are many parts to juggle, it’s difficult
      iii. The students will not be coming into school yet, will be after Spring Break
      iv. There will be more opportunities for more students to be able to come into the building in April, we know many students really need to come in and be with others
      v. Looks like a 3 ft rule instead of a 6 ft rule
      vi. A 2 case rule (for COVID) for closure
   c. Parent/Teacher Conferences work out well remotely (3/18 and 3/19)
   d. Student engagement is the single most critical focus for the next 2 ½ months of school
   e. We had an extraordinary World Majority Day, a recording of the programs will be made available to us
   f. She will hold April parent Roundtables with Jason after Spring Break
   g. Parents are organizing senior events, they’re not allowed to have a “prom,” but will have another gathering
   h. Trying to figure out field trips since PSAL is allowed, so some kinds of outings will be allowed and she may call on parents to chaperone
   i. Since the students can’t decorate their lockers with their college acceptances, they are sharing their good news on Instagram (the account name was put in the chat, nyclabseniors2021)

3. Student Report: Fallon Utley
   a. On March 25th there will be a school wide event open to all, live, so they are hoping for a lot of participation
   b. Redesigning Lab’s logo, may make masks or a senior giveaway
   c. May plan a carnival or a field day because we didn’t have a sports day
   d. Will have something similar to a prom, but not a prom

4. SLT Report:
   a. Jung Min shared that Jason and Brooke gave a preview of Brooke’s talk tonight and the SLT gave their feedback
   b. Parent Racial Equity Team:
      i. Adam said it is active and looking to diversify and grow
ii. Anja added that they are in the process of speaking with Brooke about equity programs for both the incoming 9th graders as well as the current students

iii. They would love to have more people join the group

iv. Working on a mission statement, goals and core beliefs

c. Health & Wellness Committee: Brooke discussed that the topic was physical activity, the one takeaway is move your bones!

i. The physical part is an important component to mental health

ii. There is a nice representation of students, parents and teachers

d. Volunteerism: Pam C spoke about how they are trying to integrate a sports event or carnival like event to give back to the city

5. Treasurer’s Report: Jill Bregenzer

a. February was pretty quiet, another $1,000 came in

b. The total Direct Appeal amount for the year so far is $55,000

6. Committee Reports:

a. Membership: Jung Min said she and Jennifer will use Sign-Up Genius if anything comes up where they need parents

b. Merchandise: The BSU group is working with graphic artists, and other groups can as well, to make signature t-shirts and maybe sweatshirts, they can also make them available to everyone

c. Nominations Committee: Matt

i. Hopefully everyone has seen the emails which have gone out

ii. There will be an info session this Friday at noon

iii. Plan on coming to some of these committee meetings

iv. Discussion on how meetings will take place next year

1. Chancellor’s rules say meetings must take place in school buildings, but waiver this year of course

2. Matt feels they should remain virtual next year, especially since it will no longer be District 2 priority or only Manhattan residents

v. Jung Min added that she is at her term limit, so there is plenty of opportunity for people to step up

7. Old Business: Brooke thanked Lisa F for helping with Books & Materials delivery, it’s a work in progress, students for the most part have been very eager to come in and pick up materials

8. Tonight’s Featured Speakers: Brooke Jackson and Jason Koch on Deep Learning at Lab