

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**February 6, 2020**

PSO Council is a meeting for sharing information and learning about our schools and our district. We encourage you to engage in responsible conversation and healthy discussion on issues to promote better education for children. Personal agendas are not welcome at Council. We will gladly direct you to the appropriate resource to help you after the meeting. Please respect each person’s time on the agenda.

PSO Council Co-Presidents Khara Mack and Emily Woods called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Petra Laszlo** | Present.  No report. |
| **2nd Vice President- Christy Crouch** | Present.  Recap of the Yuletide Hunger Program:   * 117 local families served * 133 kids adopted through the adopt a kid program for the holidays * They need more help for the food separating next year. * Corporate sponsorship was way down this year |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Lauren Champ** | Present.  The PSO Council newsletter will be out tomorrow. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Dawn Papadatos** | Not present.  The next round of dues will be due March 1st.  We had one 1099 that we had to issue and that was mailed out last week.  Total funds in our accounts are $134,264.48. |
| **Co-Presidents-**  **Khara Mack**  **Emily Woods** | Khara Mack and Emily Woods  Discussing whether or not to use Board docs. Program when having meetings in the Board of Ed. Meeting Room which will be fully equipped with audio/video recording and the ability to upload your meeting documents to this program so that the community can access them. There is a fee associated with this program so not sure the PSO will use the program. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present.  Asked the PSOs at all the schools to keep him updated on their happenings so he can report more timely their upcoming events at the Board Meetings.  Cameras being placed on some of our buses that have had problems on their routes with cars not stopping when the buses stop sign is out and red flashing lights are on. The Board supports the proposed legislation to increase fines and possible jail time for drivers who don’t stop for buses. The cameras cost $1,000 each.  The GMP for the new school is $43.8. Leaves about $1.2 million to do capital improvement projects at the other buildings so the Board will look at what they can do because that’s several million less than they were hoping to have left over after the new school constructed.  Read a statement from the Board of Ed. Members:  Pertaining to a matter of great significance and one of community sensitivity, on behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to kindly remind all teams, clubs, organizations and other groups which are formally affiliated with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, that any and all uses of the District’s official name is to begin with The Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools, followed by your organization’s name… thereby including a reference to both Brecksville and Broadview Heights. Our school sponsored organizations serve students from both communities, as does our entire District. Inadvertent exclusion of either community from the formal name of our District, and its use for your team or club name, though unintentional, is inappropriate and not a clear representation of our school family. Use of our mascot, “The BEES” followed by your organization’s name…or… “BBHCSD,” followed by your organization’s name… are appropriate, inclusionary alternatives for your use. To close, if and when referring to teams, clubs, organizations or other school sanctioned groups, please be mindful to include Brecksville and Broadview Heights in the name of our District, as students, staff and representatives from both communities proudly unite under one umbrella to form our school family and collaboratively enact our belief To Be One Community! |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Not present. Dr. Martin gave her report.  New elementary school update:   * Trees and land will be cleared in April * Ground breaking in late August or early September   New “button” on the district website exclusively for special education |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Craig Yangilos** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services –**  **Chris Coad** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  Community viewing of the LIKE documentary on March 2nd at 6:30pm at the High School Auditorium. It’s free and open to the public. Jesse Wineberger will be in attendance and speak at the conclusion of the movie. Jesse Wineberger is a nationally known author and speaker on internet safety. Students in grades 5-12 will view the 50 minute documentary during the day. From the Like website: LIKE is an IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the film is to inspire us to self-regulate. Social media is a tool and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care … but is that what's really happening? ARE YOU USING TECHNOLOGY OR IS TECHNOLOGY USING YOU?  A decision on the K-5 ELA adoption will be made in the next two weeks. Whole grade levels have been diving deeply into the materials. It’s different than what we are used to.  Auditing and ordering resources and materials for next year has already begun. Mr. Martin will be meeting with all departments district-wide  District focus this year: ~ Portrait of a Graduate ~ Strategic Plan ~ Culture Playbook ( November focus is “Bee One Community” ) ~ Focus 3  EdChoice – It is the largest state sponsored voucher program ever in the State of Ohio. The metric is flawed. One school in our District has been placed on the list because of inaccurate state report card. The Board is officially against EdChoice as are many other public school districts getting hit with this same flawed program, including schools like Solon. Write to your legislators: (see attached list of representatives to contact)  Senator Matt Huffman huffman@ohiosenate.gov  Senator Peggy Lehner sd06@ohiosenate.gov  Senate President Obhof obhof@ohiosenate.gov  House Speaker Householder rep72@ohiohouse.gov  Representative Don Jones don.jones@ohiohouse.gov  Representative Bill Seitz rep30@ohiohouse.gov  Contact State Superintendent, Paolo DeMaria at ODE: superintendent@education.ohio.gov  You should also call or email the Governor’s office to express your feelings regarding EdChoice (614) 644-4357 https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/contact |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Present.  Mental Health Action Plan Update: We continue to focus on the goals and initiatives of District’s Mental Health Action Plan. In addition to continued implementation of the action plan, we are integrating new options to access resources (e.g., Ohio Department of Education; ODE mental health funds, ODE Prevention Funds) and continue our partnerships with local agencies (e.g., Infinity Counseling, Catholic Charities).  Parent Focus/Discussion Groups: We piloted a parent focus/discussion group session at Chippewa Elementary School last spring through the collaborative efforts of the Chippewa PSO and Julie Hairston (counselor – Infinity Counseling). As a result of that pilot and aligned with District’s Mental Health Action Plan, we continued this initiative to conduct parent groups on various mental health/social-emotional learning (SEL) topics at each of the K-4 buildings and the Middle School this fall.  Based on the feedback on the sessions on the topic of “Bullying versus Conflict”, we will be planning and conducting parent focus/discussion group sessions on various topics on a monthly basis. These will be planned in collaboration with Julie Hairston and the building principals and implemented as part of the PSO meetings.  Kindergarten Registration: We will be conducting Kindergarten registration through an all online process. We will be providing specific information through various means (e.g., district website, social media, flyers in the community) beginning this week and over the next several weeks leading up to the opening of the Kindergarten registration date. Hopefully, this will go smoother than the process they’ve had in the past. The on-line process is still a first come, first serve basis for parents wishing all day K. All documents submitted will be automatically time-stamped for that purpose.  The District is required by the state to offer ½ day Kindergarten for families who don’t want all day K.  Stepping Stones registration date has not been set yet. |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Not present. No report. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Not present. No report. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present.  **Wellness Wednesday Focus on Healthy Relationships**  Wednesday, February 12th is our next Wellness Wednesday!  The Cleveland Domestic Violence Shelter will be coming in to discuss "healthy relationships".  As part of this event, the students will be putting together care bags for the shelter to take back with them for people in need.  In order to do this, WE NEED DONATIONS! Here is the wish list: Body lotion (travel size), Deoderant (travel size), Hand sanitizer (travel size), Body soap (travel size), Towels/wash cloths, Kleenex, Clorox cleaning wipes, Pantene shampoo & conditioner for natural hair (travel size), Hair combs, Hair brushes, Toothpaste, and Toothbrushes  **Leadership Retrreat** – Focusing on the R Factor Principal in the Culture Playbook the District has put in place this year, Dr. Martin will be working with the Student Council Reps. from all the homerooms to prepare them to train their peers in the “R Factor – the response factor to an event.” The next 3 Colony Periods will then be focused on training the students in the “R Factor System”.    **Scheduling Update**  Now that scheduling worksheets have been turned in, counselors will begin meeting with all students one on one throughout the month of February to ensure students are on track for graduation and to answer any questions regarding scheduling. If there are any questions regarding classes chosen or overall course planning, these will be addressed and discussed during this time    **College Planning (Junior Families Should Attend) and PSAT Interpretation Night**  The College Planning and PSAT Interpretation Night is **Monday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m.** in the high school auditorium. Topics will include PSAT, Khan Academy, AP Potential, and other tools available through CollegeBoard. Students and families are encouraged to bring their PSAT results (hard copies will be distributed to students the week prior, but are accessible through [students’ College Board accounts](https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home)) as it will be helpful to reference during the presentation. We will conclude the evening with important information (especially important for juniors) regarding the college search process. We hope to see you there!  **We Need Your Help!**  Our New Career Specialist, Randi Borosh is collecting names, businesses, and organizations that our interested in supporting our students as they plan their futures through guest speaking, internships, job shadows, etc.  If you are interested in helping in some capacity please fill out the survey below or pass it along to others that would be willing to assist. The hope is to create a database of guest speakers, internship hosts, etc to help support our students as they explore career planning for their futures.  [Career Exploration & Business Collaborations - BBHCSD District](https://forms.gle/dBg5FURGjX7FARix9)    **Robotics Team Earns Excellence Award at National Tournament**  The BBHHS Robotics Team had 2 teams compete this past weekend at the National Air and Space Museum in Virginia.  They competed against 60 of the best teams from over 30 states. Team 2011D (Matt Kerekanich, Shahil Merchant, Aidan Casa, Miko Novakovik, and Sam Galicki) placed second in skills with a score of 156 (that score is the 7th best score in the world this year).  Team 2011C (Marcus Macesich, Dom Policarpo, Leah Greismer, and Frank Faron) earned the Excellence award winner (top overall team combining their skills scores, qualification rankings, Engineering notebook and their interviews). Students were playing under the Space Shuttle Discovery and next to the Blackhawk. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  Results of the No Fuss Fundraiser. We did not reach our goal of $3,600.00. We raised $1,780.00. High school has a different dynamic because parents are involved in many booster clubs for sports and clubs that they support, as well.  Nominating Committee has been formed to fill open positions for the HS PSO for next year. We need President, 1st VP and Treasurer position filled. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings**  **Brian Bedford,**  **Asst. Principal** | Not present. Asst. Principal Bedford gave the report.  Thanks to the PSO, especially Denise and Kerry, who helped sell out our Rick Smith Jr. show on February 22nd.  Rick said it was the fastest he has ever sold out a show. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, it should be an amazing show as Rick came to the middle school and gave us a taste of the show and kids loved.  We are concluding our winter athletic season within the next week as our teams are heading into conference tournaments this weekend. We had a great winter pep rally last week, 5th grade won the spirit contest and the 7th grade boys won the shooting contest.  Eighth grade students have been working on completing their high school scheduling requests with their school counselor. We will start the process of scheduling for students in grades 5-8 within the next month.  75 students have been working hard practicing for their musical “Honk Jr” which will be performed on March 21st and March 22nd at the Middle School.  Admission fee is $5.00. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  The Rick Smith Show which is a fundraiser for the MS Auditorium sold out in record time. They will have 50/50 raffles and baskets the night of the show. They were guaranteed $11,000 from Rick Smith in ticket sales. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not present. Mrs. Toth gave the elementary schools’ report.  **SECOND GRADE IOWA TESTING**   * Our second grade students have just completed the first round of testing by completing the IOWA test last week.  Students will be taking the CogAT Ability Test in March. These tests assist in identifying students who may qualify for gifted/accelerated services in third grade.   **AIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT…GRADE 3**   * Parent reports from the fall administration of the AIR assessment in ELA were sent home in late January to all third grade families.  Results from the test will be used to guide instruction in the classroom and to provide additional intervention support to students who did not meet the proficiency benchmarks.  A before school intervention program began this week and will run through the week before the spring administration of the ELA assessment.   **CHIPPEWA PLACE COMMUNITY CONNECTION**   * First grade students are creating Valentine’s crafts to send to the residents at Chippewa Place.  Chippewa connects with Chippewa Place five times a year!   **BEE YOUR BEST FOR JANUARY**   * 94% of our students were recognized for “Bee Your Best” in January.  Students were recognized with “Terrific” buttons to wear proudly! We are proud of our students for their efforts!   **PRINCIPAL’S SPOTLIGHT…SECOND QUARTER**   * We have just completed recognizing students for their efforts through the second quarter for the Principal’s Spotlight.  Students are recognized for academic success or progress, for being a positive role model or leader in the classroom. The students received certificates for their efforts and had their pictures taken this week.  Check out the new “Principal’s Spotlight” link on our website to see who was recognized for this past quarter.   **COSI**   * COSI was at Chippewa last week and the children learned a great deal about our universe…from planets to stars, to the Milky Way, to the sun!  It was a great day for all. Thanks to the PSO for organizing this program each year     **CHIPPEWA CODING CLUBS…GRADES 3 AND 4**   * Thanks to Mr. Bihari, first grade teacher at Chippewa, a Coding Club has been started for several of our third and fourth grade students.  Mr. Bihari is meeting with the students once a week and will be teaching the children all about the world of coding. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present but had to leave early before they could give their report. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not present. Mrs. Toth gave the elementary schools’ report  **SECOND GRADE IOWA TESTING**   * Our second grade students have just completed the first round of testing by completing the IOWA test last week.  Students will be taking the CogAT Ability Test in March. These tests assist in identifying students who may qualify for gifted/accelerated services in third grade.   **AIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT…GRADE 3**   * Parent reports from the fall administration of the AIR assessment in ELA were sent home in late January to all third grade families.  Results from the test will be used to guide instruction in the classroom and to provide additional intervention support to students who did not meet the proficiency benchmarks.  A before school intervention program began this week and will run through the week before the spring administration of the ELA assessment.   **BOOK BUDDIES**   * Hilton's 1st and 4 grade students are being paired up in a Reading Buddy program.  Approximately 4, 4th graders from each class will partner read with as many 1st graders several times a week.  During their sessions the 4th graders will read to and be read to by the 1st graders. Our hope is that this additional practice will help strengthen reading skills in both grade levels as well as strengthen our building culture in the area of "One Community". |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Mary Green** | Present.  2/11 - Hilton PSO Meeting  2/21 - Community Service Night  2/28 - next Science DZ |
| **Highland**  **Principal**  **Colleen Toth** | Present. Mrs. Toth gave the elementary schools’ report.  **SECOND GRADE IOWA TESTING**   * Our second grade students have just completed the first round of testing by completing the IOWA test last week.  Students will be taking the CogAT Ability Test in March. These tests assist in identifying students who may qualify for gifted/accelerated services in third grade.   **A VISIT FROM MR. PETERSON**   * We enjoyed having Mr. Peterson visited our school last week.  The students enjoyed sharing their day with him.   **BENCHMARKING UPDATE**   * Winter Benchmarking was completed for Reading and Math using iReady prior to the Winter Break.  This data will be used to determine progress made by the students over the course of the first half of the year.  Parent reports were sent home at the end of the quarter.   **AIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT…GRADE 3**   * Parent reports from the fall administration of the AIR assessment in ELA were sent home in late January to all third grade families.  Results from the test will be used to guide instruction in the classroom and to provide additional intervention support to students who did not meet the proficiency benchmarks.  A before school intervention program began this week and will run through the week before the spring administration of the ELA assessment.   **DARE**   * Officer Mark K., from the Brecksville Police Department, will be meeting with all students throughout the month to complete 3 sessions of DARE classes at each grade level.   **BEE YOUR BEST FOR JANUARY**   * We continue to recognize students who have “Been Their Best” every week.  Students are recognized over the PA and give an award from the principal. We are proud of our students for their efforts!   **COSI VISIT**   * COSI will be coming to Highland Drive in early March. Students will participate in a number of hands on activities during their small and large group sessions.  Thank you to the PSO for helping with this experience.   .  **VALENTINE’S DAY**   * Valentine’s Day parties are scheduled for February 14.  Be on the lookout for more information about the specifics of party time and Valentine boxes and cards.   **PRESIDENTS’ DAY**   * Just a quick reminder that there is no school on Monday, February 17, to celebrate this holiday.   **All Third Graders Performing**   * Special performance by all the third graders at each school on March 5th at the MS. |
| **Highland PSO**  **Shannon Latek**  **Sarah Schulz**  **Sawsan Ganczak** | Present.  2/7-Movie Night  2/13-Grade 2 Music Performance/Open House  2/14-Class Valentine’s Day Parties  2/20-Grades K and 4 Open House  2/28-Family Bingo Night  \*We wrapped up our Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Tree Drive. We collected hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves with donations going first to any Highland students in need (through Principal Toth) and to the Parma Area Family Collaborative.  \*Our Staff Appreciation Committee will be giving out special Valentine treats to the staff this month. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Marla Speeth gave report.  The Sip n Support is Thursday, February 13th from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Cost is $40 per ticket. There are 32 auction items that you can bid on on-line and in person. There will also be a trivia game with several rounds ($5.00 a round). Wine, beer and bourbon tasting. |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  All 50 winter athletic programs have been sold.  We are still looking for someone to take over the graphic design of the athletic programs for next year.  The program that is used is Adobe In-Design.  Please contact Kathy Drinko at beesbanddrinko@gmail.com, if you know of anyone who might be interested in taking over the design of the athletic programs going forward.  Mark your calendars, the Pancake Breakfast will be on March 21st this year.  Monies raised will go to the MS Auditorium project and to all the schools' music programs.  More information to follow.  All band uniforms have been dry cleaned and ready to go for Disney.  They have all the chaperones they need for the trip.  The Band will be headed to Disney on Monday, April 13th.  They will march in the Disney Parade on Wednesday, April 15th at 3pm.  The Band will return from Disney on Saturday, April 18th.  The next Band Boosters Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7pm. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present.  No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Not present. No report. |
| **Athletic Boosters –**  **Karen Bazan** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | None. |