## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**March 7, 2019**



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 President Phil Shipman called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present.  Here are the slate of officers for the PSO council for the 2019-2020 school year:      Co-Presidents - Khara Mack & Emily Woods      1st Vice President - Petra Laszlo      2nd Vice President - Christy Crouch      Treasurer - Dawn Papadatos      Recording Secretary - Michelle Banks      Corresponding Secretary - Lauren Champ and Teri Ferricci  We will vote at our April meeting. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Not present. No report. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Present. Treasurer’s Reports given.  Cash at beginning of period 2/7/2019 13,522.29 (a)  Deposits (b)  Amazon Smiles Donation 11.30  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Total Deposits 11.30  February 2019 QuickBooks Online 140.00  Total Disbursements (140.00)  Cash at end of period 2/6/2019 13,393.59 (d)  Also, two year contract for Quick Books will end in August. The cost will go from $20 a month to $40 a month. Treasurer will call to try and keep the $20 per month per school rate for a total of $140 per month. |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Present.  PSO Thank You Brunch is set for 4/25/19 at 9:30am at the High School Media Center. RSVP to Jean Kulik at kulikj@bbhcsd.org. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present.  Last meeting with Board and Architects to view renderings of K-5 building. Meeting went well.  Board on-going discussions regarding pushing back MS and HS start times. Many factors going into this so will take some time to sort out.  The March Board Meeting is being moved from the last week of the month to the first Wed. in April for just this month. They will still also hold their regularly scheduled April meeting at the end of the month.  . |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.  Ms. Magyar continued the discussion regarding the school start and end times. Currently the district operates on a 4 tier schedule, looking at reducing that to 2 tier schedule. Problem is not enough buses currently to transport 1,500 kids at one time. Working on doubling the amount of buses purchased each year for the next 3 years to accommodate K-5 building kids being released all at one time. The two tier bus schedule would combine the HS and MS on the same bus schedule and the K-5 building with a different schedule.  There is also a shortage of bus drivers in the state so they are working on hiring bus drivers to drive more buses for the District. This is an on-going discussion between the board, administration and unions. May take a few years to phase in later start times but next school year may see a little later start time for MS and HS as they work on the issues that need to be solved.  Take Back Togetherness Night is scheduled for this Monday, March 11th. Take pictures and tweet them to Ms. Magyar so she can share them as to what families did together. It was mentioned that Mondays can be tricky going forward with this idea if it becomes monthly because of many families in the District having PSR on Monday nights. They will look at rotating the nights if they decide to do it monthly. Monday was picked initially because it impacts the least amount of sports and after school activities.  Safe Routes to School - there will be a speaker at the PSO Council Meeting next month to discuss this idea. There is grant money available to help with bike paths, etc. to provide safe routes to and from school for the kids.  Principal Toth and Chris Choad attended the meeting with this organization and discussed what is involved in planning out these routes for each of the schools.  All staff affected by the closing of central have been notified as to what building they are moving to for next school year. The union and staff can request transfers if the teacher wishes to move to a different building then what was assigned. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Jeff Hall** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  \* Angst Movie – follow up. The movie was shown to the students at MS and HS on 2/16 and again to the parents that evening. About 100 parents showed up for the viewing. The questions that were asked by the parents are being compiled with answers and will be put on the District Mental Health link on the District Website.  \* Kindergarten registration review. They are aware of the long lines for parents to register. Next year registration will occur on-line. No need to sign up in person.  \* Possible partnership with Lubrizol to build a relationship with a STEM company in our district.  \* High School SAT testing went well on March 6  \* OST (Ohio’s State Tests, formerly known as “AIR” tests) is fast approaching:  o Testing window for ELA = March 26 – April 26  o Testing windows for Math, Sci. & Soc. Studies = April 1 – May 10  \* Focus 3 Culture Playbook Pep Rally Kickoff on March 2 |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present. No report. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Present.  Thanked Dr. Martin for being on their committee and for his contributions to their monthly meetings.  MS H.U.D.D.L.E lessons completed.  There have been speakers at both the MS and HS regarding vaping and jewelling. There will be parent education meetings regarding these issues, as well.  They have purchased coloring books to be distributed to third graders which are also educational books about the dangers of vaping.  CAPA Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 8:30pm. They rotate locations to get as many people involved as possible. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present.  **State Champion Celebrations**   * Hannah Bach won the 100 M Breaststroke with a record breaking time and was named “swimmer of the meet” * Christine Rutkowski won the Speech and Debate state championship in Declamation * The Girls Gymnastics team won their 16th consecutive state championship with Izzy Abookire winning the state championship on bars * Robotics won their second consecutive state championship   Our champions will be celebrated at a Pep Rally next Tuesday morning where we will also be introducing our spring sports teams.  More possible celebration includes:   * Seven wrestlers are headed to compete in the state tournament this weekend * Eight artists have artwork heading to state level adjudication through the Governor’s show   **Artfest March 15th-16th**  The annual Artfest has some new attractions this year.  On Friday March 15th join us for Artfest Live, which will feature an opening reception, artwork displays and live performances including music, speeches, and poetry from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  Performances in the LGI room at the high school. On Saturday March 16th art displays, art for purchase, activities for the whole family, and raffle prizes.  **Music in Our Schools Pancake Breakfast March 16th**  On March 16th from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. join us for some tasty food, amazing music, and raffle baskets.  Tickets are available for $10 or $5 (large or small breakfast).  **NHS Glow Dance**  This Saturday from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. National Honor Society is hosting their annual GLOW dance.  This informal dance allows students to come with or without dates for some blacklight fun. Tickets are $10 presale or $15 at the door.  **Construction Project**  There will be some construction at the front of the building by the middle staircase entrance in the next few weeks to repair some damaged drains and to correct some leaking.  This will involve some work on our ground floor as well in the building. All construction workers have been background checked and will follow building visitor procedures on the days they are working.  Work will not begin until after student arrival and will pause and be blocked off during student dismissal. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  No report other than to add to Principal’s Ast report. She mentioned that the H.S. also has a very strong Swim and Dive team. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Present.  Even though the winter weather keeps trying to push spring further back we are moving ahead with getting ready for spring.  Our boys and girls track teams have started practicing and students have begun filling out schedule requests for next year at the middle school.  Under the supervision of Maria Schneider and Dayna Daltorio we had students present at the UnitedHealthcare and GENYOUth’s AdVenture Capital to develop innovative ideas that solve health and wellness challenges in their schools or communities. Clevelandwas the site of one of five UnitedHealthcare-AdCap Innovation Challenges, which also took place in Salt Lake City, Pittsburgh, Louisville and Providence with $30,000 in grants awarded in total.   Two of our groups of middle school students won $1,000 each. Congratulations to Maddie Hamilton and Mariana Pizem and Ben Davis who did a fantastic job.  Our students involved in the musical, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Durham, are gearing up for their performance on March 16th and March 17th of Annie Jr.  Please save the date and attend this fantastic performance.  Question was asked of him regarding extending the period to 1 ½ periods for math and language arts for students who are identified as needing additional help in these areas. The pilot program for next year will be for just 100 students who have been identified through test scores and grades or social issues who need the extra time in these subject areas. If it is successful, they will add more students to it in the following year. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  We concluded our fundraiser last week.  This year we tried something new - a Bee Lucky Raffle.  Students sold tickets for $10.00 and each day in March a winning ticket will be drawn - both the seller and the buyer of the ticket will win either money or a gift card.  We raised just over $11,000.  The Spring Musical is next weekend March 16th and 17th.  Saturday night at 7:00 and Sunday afternoon at 2:00.  The musical is Annie Jr.  Tickets are $5.00 and available at the door.  Please advertise at your schools and come out and see a great show!!  Jill Gerber is going to head up the transition of the 5th grade students to the MS and will look at what PSO programs will continue at the MS that are currently being offered at Central. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | Present.  Student council is selling Smencils during the lunch periods through March 15th.  Each pencil is $1.00 and all proceeds will go to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.  Fifth graders are finishing up DARE lessons in the next week.  DARE graduation is scheduled for March 19th at 9:45am in the Middle School auditorium.  Central School Book Fair and Art Show is scheduled for the evenings of March 27th (fourth grade) and March 28th (fifth grade) from 6-8pm.  Testing dates:  ELA: 4th grade: April 3rd and 4th. 5th grade: April 9th and 10th.  Math: 4th grade: May 2nd and 3rd. 5th grade: May 6th and 7th.  Science: 5th grade: April 30th and May 1st.  Principal Toth also gave the combined report for the K-3 Elementary Schools.  The district is in the process of developing a School Travel Plan. This travel plan is for the purpose of outlining our community’s intentions for enabling students to engage in walking and bicycling to and from school. It is a team based approach that involves key community stakeholders in Brecksville and Broadview Heights. Ultimately, this process will assist our communities in receiving potential educational resources as well as grant opportunities to help fund infrastructure development and improvements for the current school campus here as well as the new elementary construction. At your end, the district will be calling upon parents to complete some surveys regarding travel to and from school. We are looking at a presenter for a brief intro at a future PSO Council Meeting.  The 3 K-3’s will be participating in the “One School, One Book” program again this year. We are working to build a community of readers! We plan to begin the programs will run this month and will conclude just before Spring Break. Details on this year’s reading will be shared with students at our opening program!  In Service and Records Day for the district are scheduled for March 21 and March 22. All PK-3 staff will be participating in the A.L.I.C.E. training during that time. Teachers will also use the time to prepare the third quarter report cards for students. Please be reminded that report cards will no longer be sent home hard copy but will be available online for the third quarter on Friday, March 29. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Not Present.  No Report. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not Present.  Combined Elementary Schools’ report given by Principal Toth.  Chippewa Kindergarten Open House…for our current kindergarten students…is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 5:30-6:30. The teachers and students are excited to share their work with their families on that evening. Jump Rope for Heart, organized by Mr. Rinehart, raised over $3500.00 to donate to the American Heart Association for their research efforts. Thanks to Mr. Rinehart, the Chippewa families, and the parents who volunteered to help out! Bee Your Best students for the month of February participated in a dance party in our gym! 97% of our students were their best for the entire month of February! Our student council has organized a project where they are collecting items listed on the Cuyahoga County Dog Shelter's "Wish List." Donations will be accepted between now and March 20. Students will receive a “dog bone” for every donation made! Items such as dog beds, leashes, collars and an assortment of food items are being accepted. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present.  Wrapped up successful box top contest. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | Not Present.  Combined Elementary Schools’ report given by Principal Toth. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | Present.  Wrapped up COSI event. Went well.  Doing Glow Bingo night.  It’s been tough to get parent volunteers so they will consider this for next year when looking at the programs they will offer. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not Present.  Principal Toth gave combined K-3 Elementary Schools’ report. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | Present.  Quick report from Hilton, just a recap of our February event (Project Linus) and a brief mention of our March events (bingo night at Hilton and book fair/art show last week of March).  They will also be participating in the One Book one school next week. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | Present.  Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Sip and Support our Scholars 2019 event, or who participated in our online auction. It was a fun event! We will announce the final net amount from the fundraiser soon, but we approximate at just under $14,000 raised that will go directly towards this year's classroom grant program.  Official dates for the ISLA grant program will be announced soon. The timing of the grant program will be similar to this past year, with deadline for grant applications in June, grant winners announced at commencement in August 2019. Details to be shared soon. |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | Present.  MEA event held in February. 32 students were rated superior and 15 were rated excellent.  A focus group has been created of students/teachers as to what the band will look like going forward in the future, i.e. band camp, concerts, etc.. Maybe there will be 5 bands instead of 4 to help work more with the students who might need more help.  Donations are still needed for the pancake breakfast raffle baskets. You can also donate on-line. The donations help the bands in all the schools not just H.S. bands.  325 new rain coats have been purchased which is very expensive. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | Present.  The mid-winter concert was Thursday February 28th. The choirs showcased  the performances they are working on for the upcoming trip to BOSTON. The Pancake Breakfast is Saturday March 16th from 8-1:00 in the HS  cafeteria. There will be musical performances by HS, MS, Central school  and Elementary school students as well as a performance by the cast of  Mama Mia, which is the HS Spring musical. There will be vendors, gift  baskets and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are available at the door; $10 for a  large breakfast and $5 for a small breakfast. This event benefits ALL  students in the choir, band, orchestra and elementary music programs.  Hope to see you there!  The HS Spring musical is Mama Mia! The show is Friday April 5th and  Saturday April 6th at 7:00 in the HS auditorium, with a matinee on  Thursday April 4th. Tickets are on sale now at purplepass.com and can  also be purchased at the door. |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | No new business. |