

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**November 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 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 10:35am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Petra Laszlo** | Not present.  No report. |
| **2nd Vice President- Christy Crouch** | Present.  Update on the Yuletide Hunger Drive. They will need volunteers to sort the week of Dec. 9. Collection at the schools runs now through Dec. 9th. Asking for no raman noodles. Always need a lot of toilet paper.  Brecksville and Broadview Hts. Needing volunteer bell ringers. 1 hour shifts. The cities get to keep up to $10,000 for their emergency funds for families in need. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  Reminded everyone that you can find the minutes to every PSO Council Meeting on the PSO Council website. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Lauren Champ** | Not present.  No report |
| **Treasurer-**  **Dawn Papadatos** | Present.  BBH Council PSO Treasurer Report – 11/07/19   1. Total balances in accounts: (per bank as of 11/5/19)      1. Quickbooks Update - Changes    1. Renewed contract for 1 additional year    2. Maintained current price of $20 per account per month - only for 6 months    3. New budget for QB will be $2,335, first we thought it would be $3,240, then we proposed $1,680 as we thought we can get the discount for the full year but that is not the case. 2. All dues have been emailed last month to all treasurers with a due date for the 1st installment on November 30, 2019. 3. Taxes have been filed. |
| **Co-Presidents-**  **Khara Mack**  **Emily Woods** | Present.   * + **Meet the Candidates Night** - thank you to Denise Gawlik and Kerry Ely for their leadership and organization and to our individual PSOs for their collaboration. The event was well attended and we received great feedback from the audience and participants.   + **Reminder** - our next meeting will be held on Dec 5, but no meeting will be held in January |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present.  The GPM (gross price max.) for the elementary school will be given to the board on Nov. 20th.  The Board voted to give substitute teachers a raise from $80 to $95 a day. Long-term subs will get $105 a day. This is because the District has not given them a raise in 10 years and we were way behind other Districts which was making it hard to get substitute teachers, especially at the high school. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.  We expect to break ground on the new elementary school in March 2020. There will be a ground-breaking ceremony with students and members of the community involved.  Nov. 13th is Take Back Togetherness Night in the District. No homework or after-school activities.  The bus app. is ahead of schedule and will be released on November 11th.  Sup’t Magyar has been giving 1 – 2 coffee talks a month at homes of parents in the district which allows her the opportunity to meet with families in a smaller setting. Contact Denise Gawlak if you wish to arrange a coffee talk at your home with friends. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **John Scott** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services –**  **Chris Coad** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.   * October 25 recap – successful professional learning day for staff!   + High School & Middle School had a number of culture-based activities that targeted Focus 3, the BBHCSD Culture Playbook, and alike.   + All PK-5 staff conducted the first STAFF MEETING of the new elementary school. * Young Astronauts Day @ the Wolstein Center this Saturday (11/9). * K-5 ELA resource review day (11/13). * Visited new Westlake elementary school (in October). * District focus this year:  ~ Portrait of a Graduate  ~ Strategic Plan  ~ Culture Playbook ( November focus is “*Bee One Community*” )   ~ Focus 3 |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present – Dr. Martin gave report.  Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Group(s)  In our ongoing efforts to implement components of our District Mental Health Action Plan, we will be implementing parent groups for parents with students in grades K-8. We initially piloted a group in collaboration with the Chippewa PSO last spring. We plan to replicate that group and topic at the K-4 and MS buildings.  The format of the parent groups is small group (e.g., 20 or less) in a book club format. The session(s) will be based on a topic and facilitated by a clinical counselor and school counselor. The topic for the first round of sessions will be “Addressing Peer Conflict with Empathy”.  The sessions will be done at the upcoming PSO meetings. (The principals will be communicating and planning with their PSOs on the details). Each parent that participates will receive a book that can then be utilized with them to facilitate discussions with their child(ren) on the topic.  The feedback from the pilot session was positive and we are looking forward to the upcoming sessions. |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Not present.  No report. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Not present. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Not present. Asst. Principal Kevin Jacob gave report.  **Focus on Bee One Community**  In the month of November, we are focusing on the “Bee One Community...Stronger Together” strand of the Culture Playbook.  Teachers will be sharing Bee Your One Community in their classrooms, there will be some announcements at the end of the month, and students exhibiting “Bee One Community” behaviors will be recognized throughout the month.  We are further supporting these efforts with our Colony Period’s month long focus on gratitude and thankfulness.  **Naturalization Ceremony/Assembly**  BBHHS will be hosting a Naturalization Ceremony on Friday November 22nd.  Mr. Brennan in coordination with the Federal District Court have planned an actual Naturalization Ceremony at BBHHS where our students will witness a group of individuals become US citizens.  The event will feature students learning about the naturalization process, a message from a BBH staff member about their experience with it, and Federal Court Judge Boyko speaking to our students.  **ParentTeacher Conferences and FAFSA Workshop Tonight!**  Please join us for Parent/Teacher conferences tonight.  No appointment is needed as all of our teachers will be seated in the cafeteria ready to meet with parents on a first come/first served basis.  During conferences, College Now Advisor, Mr. Courtney, will be hosting 3 one hour FAFSA workshops during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 7th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center.  **Sophomores Exploratory Visit to CVCC - Tuesday, November 12th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**  On Tuesday November 12th all 10th graders will be visiting our career technical school Cuyahoga Valley Career Center to learn about the course offerings available to them for junior and senior years.  All public high schools in Ohio are required to offer career technical programs at their school or at another school. CVCC is the career technical school for a consortium of schools, which include: Revere, Twinsburg, Independence, Nordonia, North Royalton, Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, and BBHHS.  The fall play “You Can’t Take it With You” was this past weekend. The students did an awesome job. The play was fantastic and there was a good turnout.  December starts the concert series at the high school. Upcoming dates listed below.  **Upcoming Events**  November 8th & 9th BBHHS Robotics Tournament  November 9th - Chamber Orchestra & Contemporary Youth Orchestra Concert  November 12th - Fall Sports Reception  November 13th - Take Back Togetherness Night - No homework, tests, practices, or rehearsals  November 22nd - Blood Drive  November 26th - Music in Motion Festival  December 1st - Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting  December 5th - Choir Concert  December 6th - NHS Induction  December 11th - Band Concert  December 14th - Madrigal Dinner  December 18th -20th - First Semester Final Exams |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  The next After-Prom fundraising event will be at Creekside Rest. On November 19th from 11am – 9:30pm. Present the flyer and 20% of the sale will benefit the after-prom committee. The funds are being raised to off-set the cost of ticket prices for the 2020 After Prom event at Fun N Stuff.  Our no-fuss fundraiser begins in December. We have a couple of teacher requests that we will be looking at to fund with our fundraising proceeds. More to come on this. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings**  **Brian Bedford,**  **Asst. Principal** | Present.  Our first quarter came to an end we are into our 2nd quarter.  Thanks to the PSO for their organization and running of the 6th grade social.  We had over 200 kids attend and plenty of food for all. Our 7th grade social will be November 15th from 3:15 until 5:15pm.  We had our 2nd installment in our Huddle series put on by CAPA. This month’s topic was Alcohol and drug addiction. Members of the high school huddle club came to the middle school and talked to all 6th and 8th graders while the 5th and 7th graders were in the auditorium watching a skit put on by Improbable Players, a theatre group.  We are starting our annual yuletide hunger drive next week in homerooms.  Our 8th graders made a field trip to the CVCC.  We are wrapping up our no fuss fundraiser to help out with our DC scholarship fund. Parents can donate a minimum of $5 and receive a Blue Ribbon Magnet.  Maria Ganim-Schneider was named the Health Ed. Teacher of the Year for Ohio. She now is up for national recognition, as well.  There are several Bee 1 Community activities planned for this month. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  Meet the School Board Candidates Night was October 17th.  It was well attended - approximately 75 people - and very informative night.  Thank you to all who attended and/or helped with the evening.  Special shout out to the High School Government students who assisted with the event.  They were all very polite, dressed professionally and helpful.  The Sixth Grade Social was last Friday, November 1st.  200 plus 6th graders attended and enjoyed pizza, inflatables, a Photo Booth, volleyball, basketball and a scavenger hunt.  The 7th Grade Social is Nov. 15th.  8th Grade Social is December 6th.  Final plug for the upcoming Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra performance at the High School Auditorium on next Monday November 11th at 7:00pm.  BBH Senior Erica Nie is performing with this elite ensemble.  This is an excellent opportunity to see the youth orchestra without having to travel downtown to Severance Hall.  Tickets may be purchased at the door.  All proceeds will benefit the Middle School Auditorium. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Present. Principal Chambers gave the combined elementary school report.   * All third grade students completed the fall AIR English Language Arts assessment in late October. The scores will return to the district sometime around December. Data from the fall assessment will be used to guide classroom instruction and to provide intervention for those students who demonstrated weaknesses through the test. * All three elementary buildings are sponsoring Halloween Candy Collections this week! We are asking families to donate their surplus candy from this year’s Trick-or-Treating evening. The candy will be donated to Veterans to enjoy! Kindergarten classes at Chippewa are creating messages of thanks to the Veterans that will be included with the candy delivery. * Parent/teacher conference evenings are being scheduled at every grade level at all three schools over the course of several evenings! Teachers will be meeting with many parents over the course of their conference evenings. The dates for grade level conferences can be found along the side of each school’s website. Please remember…that any time you wish to meet with your child’s teachers simply contact the teacher and a mutually convenient meeting time will be set up. * All three schools are participating in the Yuletide Hunger Drive. The drive supports needy families in our community. Each school has a designated list of items to donate….but all items are appreciated. Specific lists of items for each school were sent home with the children. Children can bring in items and put them in the collection boxes located in the main hallways of each school. * The districtwide third grade music program will be held at the Middle School auditorium on the evening of March 5. * iReady winter benchmarking is scheduled for December 2 through December 20. Once the benchmarking is completed we will be reviewing the scores to insure that all students are making growth in both Reading and Math. * Chippewa’s Grades 1-3 Open House and Book Fair was held last month and was a huge success. The families enjoyed visiting their children’s classrooms and seeing all of the work proudly displayed. Our Book Fair was a big success with many families stocking up with reading materials and even shopping for their child’s classroom teacher. Thanks to the PSO for organizing the Book Fair again this year. The Kindergarten and fourth grade classes have scheduled their Open House program for next spring. They, too, will have a Book Fair scheduled for that evening!   + Highland Drive Grade 1 Open House is scheduled for November 14, at 6:00 * “Bee Your Best” students at Chippewa were recognized at the end of October with a popcorn treat! Students earned certificates and names have been posted on the Bee Your Best bulletin board. Over 40 “Bee Your Best” students were recognized at Highland Drive for displaying positive behaviors through the first quarter. * Principal’s Spotlight at Chippewa…We are recognizing students for their efforts in the classrooms in the first quarter. We are proud of these students…they are the leaders of Chippewa School. Students are recognized for academic success or improvement, being leaders in the classroom or role model, or being wonderful Chippewa citizens. * Chippewa Picture Retakes are scheduled for tomorrow. Highland Drive Picture Retakes are scheduled for November 22. * The Chippewa PSO is making plans for our annual Holiday Shoppe in early December. Highland Drive PSO is preparing for their annual Elf Shoppe. More information about both of these events will be coming home soon. * Highland Drive students in kindergarten and first grade will participate in a “Storytime with Hassan” on November 7. * Highland Drive third grade students will be working with the Great Lakes Theater starting the week of November 18. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present. Terri Ferricci gave report.  Wrapped up their no-fuss fundraiser and made $12,000 which was more than budgeted.  Box tops contests have raised $600 to date. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not present. Principal Chambers gave the combined elementary schools’ report. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Mary Green** | Present.  Hilton had a successful Trunk-or-Treat in October, with approximately 200 kids attending.  Coming up in November, we have our PSO meeting on Tuesday, November 12.  We also have our Family STEM night on November 15 that will feature the Bubble Lady in "The Science of Bubbles". |
| **Highland**  **Principal**  **Colleen Toth** | Not present. Principal Chambers gave the combined elementary schools’ report.   * We had a successful quarter one! Over 40 “Bee Your Best” students were recognized during the first quarter for displaying positive behaviors.   They earned a principal’s recognition award. * Highland Drive Picture retakes are scheduled for November 22nd. * Kindergarten conference nights are scheduled for November 7th and November 14th. * Highland Grade 1 Open House will be on November 14th at 6:00pm. * Save the date:  The district-wide third grade music program will be held at the BBHMS auditorium on the evening of March 5th. * The Yuletide Hunger Drive is underway.  Each year our schools work with the cities of Brecksville and Broadview Heights to sponsor a food drive to support needy families in our communities. Each school has a designated list of items to donate. Students are asked to bring items to school and put them near our collection boxes found in the lobby.  Highland Drive families are asked to donate: * Soups (Cans) * Tuna Fish (Cans) * Macaroni and Cheese (Boses) * Pork and Beans (Cans) * Pasta (Boxes) * Rice-a-Roni (Boxes) * Skillet Meal Helpers (boxes) * Kindergarten and first grade classes will participate in a “Storytime with Hassan” on November 7th. * Great Lakes Theater will be working with Highland third graders starting the week of November 18th. * iReady winter benchmarking is scheduled for December 2 through December 20.  Once completed we will be reviewing the scores to insure that our students are making progress in Reading and Math. * The Highland PSO is preparing for this year’s Elf Shoppe.  Shopping days for the children will be on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 - 1:00.  Be on the lookout for more information to be coming home soon. |
| **Highland PSO**  **Shannon Latek**  **Sarah Schulz**  **Sawsan Ganczak** | Present.  Highland Drive Elementary School kicked off October with Spirit Week and a No Fuss Fundraiser that exceeded its $12,000 goal!  Superintendent Joelle Magyar spoke at Highland’s monthly PSO meeting, and students enjoyed a spooky and spirited Halloween Day filled with class parties and a fun parade.  November brings fun assemblies to Highland: Weathervane Playhouse Storytime with Hassan and also Chef Rocco Whalen!! |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Present. Janelle Henning gave report.  The Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation is excited to release our 2019 Report to the Community: IMPACT. Please enjoy our interactive report on our website ([www.bbhsf.org/annual-report-2019](https://eur04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbhsf.org%2Fannual-report-2019&data=02%7C01%7C%7C2cecc680f9274ccbe70d08d7639cd175%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637087397484688081&sdata=pJRlyN46kkswiHgS7kpmfdzfXilFIyvPDk%2FqkUSqvOQ%3D&reserved=0)) and find out all about the IMPACT your Schools Foundation has had during the past school year. We are always looking for members of the community to join us and make their own IMPACT on the lives of our Bees. In our report, you’ll find links and information on how you can volunteer, donate, or attend upcoming events. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped us this past school year, and we look forward to making this upcoming year our best ever! |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michelle Banks** | Still looking for someone with graphic design background to take over designing the Athletic Programs.  Citrus Sale extended to 11/13. If interested you can go on the BBH Marching Band website and order on-line. You can name a marching band student on your order that can receive bee bucks towards their Disney trip expenses. It’s very easy to navigate the on-line order form. Pick up is December 7th in the band room.  Trunk or Treat was on Nov. 1st. Great turn out of parents who decorated their cars and passed out candy to the band members.  Sounds of the Stadium was a fantastic evening of all the marching band songs Jeff Mihalek videotaped and can be viewed on U-tube. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. Megan Sarfi gave report.  The Orchestra has a Poinsettia fundraiser taking place. They are very nice florist quality plants and will be in full bloom. Order deadline is Nov. 15th and order pick-up is December 3rd. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Present.  Our Fall Mum fundraiser was a success. We sold hanging mum baskets and fall pansies this year along with the usual 8” pots. The Orchestra Boosters are in the middle of their Poinsettia sale and are taking orders through Nov 15th. Information and order forms can be found on the orchestra web site.  The *Concert of Choirs* was October 17th at the HS. This concert includes performances by the HS choirs as well as the 7th and 8th grade choirs. This year, instead of having all of the choirs sing a final song together, all of the men sang a song together and then all of the women sang a song together. The concert was very entertaining and is a great opportunity for our middle schoolers to see the choral opportunities that are available for them at the HS.  The side-by-side concert with out Chamber Choir and Hudson’s Chamber Choir included members of the Orchestra this year. They performed Faure Requiem at St. Mary’s Church in Hudson on October 26th. Next year, the two schools will perform in Brecksville at St. Basil the Great Church.    The Fall play was last weekend and the students performed “*You Can’t Take It With You*.” The Thursday Matinee was free for Senior citizens and was well attended. The other performances were Friday and Saturday at 7:00. It was nice to see so many students and staff members there!  The Show Choir Festival is Tuesday November 26th at 7:00 pm in the HS auditorium. There will be four schools participating along with Music in Motion. This is always a very entertaining event. Tickets can be purchased at the door.  The Winter choir concert is Dec 5th at 7:00 pm at the HS.  We are having a Madrigal dinner/fundraiser on Saturday Dec 14th (time and place to be determined). The event will include a full meal and there will be vocal performances, a 50/50 raffle and other raffle items!! More information will be coming soon!  Our next VMB mtg is Tuesday Nov 12th at 6:00 in the music theory room at the HS. Anyone with a student in the choir program is invited to attend!!  And lastly, I’d like to congratulate Alex Wong and Nicki Flors, who are both in Chamber Choir and Music in Motion and were this year’s Homecoming King and Queen!! |
| **Athletic Boosters –**  **Karen Bazan** | Not present. Recording Secretary, Michelle Banks read the report.  Please help support our BEES athletes by participating in our 2019 Chevy Trax car raffle sponsored by Ganley Chevrolet & the Chevy Network. Tickets are $20 each and are available at the HS Main Office, the HS Athletic Department and home HS athletic events.    The drawing will be held Friday, December 6th at half-time of the Boys Varsity Basketball game vs. Stow. For more information, call 440-740-4770.THANK YOU & GO BEES! |
| **New Business** | None. |