

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**March 5, 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. No report. |
| **Recording Secretary-** **Michelle Banks** | Present. Thanked Superintendent Magyar for her evening Coffee Talks she is doing in the District. Attended one and it was very informative. Appreciate her giving her own time to attend the small group question and answer sessions. It was very informative. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-****Lauren Champ****Terri Ferricci** | Present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-****Dawn Papadatos** | Present.As of today, the total balance in the accounts is $182,540.43.   Also, reminder for the second installment of dues. |
| **Co-Presidents-****Khara Mack****Emily Woods** | Present.Thank you to Denise Gawlik and Kerry Eli for putting together the Rick Smith show. It was truly a community event and a great success.PSO Council Slate for the 2020-2021 school year:President: Khara Mack and Emily Woods1st VP: Petra Laszlo2nd VP: Christy CrouchRecording Secretary: OpenCorresp. Secretary: Lauren Champ and Terri FerricciTreasurer: Dawn PapadatosWe will vote on the slate at the April meeting and swear them in at our May Meeting. |
| **Board of Education-****Fred Peterson** | Present.The Board has had several meetings on communication within our District. Jim Crooks and Joelle are doing a great job.Permanent improvement update: Monies will be expended to fix our bleachers and also for a new roof at the Middle School.At the March meeting there will be discussion of the list of repair items to be done in the District.Attended the showing of the movie “Like”. It was a great presentation. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.City of Brecksville Council voted to increase the fine from $500 to $1,000 for passing a school bus. Broadview Hts. plans to do the same at their next Council Meeting.The trees are starting to come down at the new elementary site.Superintendent Magyar is now on the Brecksville Task Force with regard to the Coronavirus. The City and the District are working on contingency plans should the virus take hold in our area. Should a case be confirmed in our school district, Superintendent Magyar will call in the Ohio Dept. of Health for an assessment as to how the District should proceed. If the District would need to close down for a period of time, contingency plans are in the works as to how the District will handle that event. The District is increasing their cleaning of buildings and buses. Sprayers have been purchased to spray classrooms. These sprayers are safe for students and do not need to be wiped down after spraying. Social Distancing will be used in lunch rooms and school events. Email going out to the District on these new procedures to keep everyone informed. If you have questions, please visit the District website or call her office.The Board of Ed. Meeting Room has been painted, new carpet going in, and now has a recording system for meetings. |
| **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. Engaging dialogue at the community viewing of the LIKE documentary on March 2 at 6:30pm at the High School Auditorium with Jesse Wineberger. Students in grades 5-12 viewed the 49 minute documentary during the day. Jesse Wineberger will be back to work with students, with an evening presentation for parents, either this spring or early next fall. A decision on the K-5 ELA adoption has been made. The following resources are being considered for purchase: Fountas & Pinnell; specifically, * Reading Mini-Lessons
* Interactive Read Aloud
* Guided Reading
* PWS (Phonics, Spelling & Word Study)
* BAS (Benchmark Assessment System).

Units of Study Writing These resources are research-based, academically rigorous, and most importantly – by using a reading and writing workshop model – responsive to the literacy and writing needs of our students. District focus this year: ~ * Portrait of a Graduate
* Strategic Plan ~ Culture Playbook
* Focus 3

Future-Ready was the focus for the month of February. Competencies include life-long learner, career knowledge, core technical skills, independent thinker and problem solver, communication and listening skills. March we will focus on Self-Reliance. April will be Globally-Responsible.  |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-****JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-** **Gina Symsek** | Not present. No report. |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Present.Introduced Jan Pisek, Asst. Supervisor of Transportation. In a few months, they will remove the bus routes off line since we now have the “Where’s My Bus” app. This is for safety reasons so that our bus routes aren’t easily accessible by the outside public.There is a “Stop Arm” survey going on by the State at this time. The highway patrol met with the bus drivers to give advice on drivers not stopping for buses and other issues regarding security. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar**  | In this month’s CAPA report, Kelly Lazar reported on the following updates (provided by Marla Speeth, HS CAPA Chairman): · The SADD club raised almost $500.00 on their Valentine’s Day Fundraiser. Flowers were picked up during lunch hour. · Dr. Binda gave a presentation to the 5th and 7th graders up at the BBHMS on February 5th. Dr. Binda did a nice job on the presentation. · The Ohio Department of Heath Grant for continuation has been submitted and CAPA will receive info about continuation next month. · CAPA is also looking into the continuation of the DFC Grant. · In regards to Tobacco Cessation at the High School: the INDEPTH program is being utilized. There are 5 sessions and they are online. This program addresses coping mechanisms for those students that are trying to stop vaping. CAPA members met with students three times and will meet with them again this Thursday, March 5, 2020 due to SAT testing. 80% of students are still vaping. These students are being placed in groups when they meet. This program is free. · February’s wellness Wednesday was titled “What’s love got to do with it?” The Domestic violence Center of Cleveland came to high school to discuss what a healthy relationship entails. During this event was discovered that a lot of the kids have experienced some form of domestic violence whether in a relationship or experienced at home. Also during the event 50 bags were made to take back to the Center. · Assistant Professor Wendy Hyde from Baldwin Wallace University and Meredith Seely, Outreach Program Manager from the Cleveland Clinic Community Outreach program gave a vaping presentation to the 9th grade students on March 4th. · It was mentioned that there is a vapin shop at South Park mall that still sells vaping items to underage kids. This shop has been reported twice for the same offence. It was also mentioned that vaping products are being sold to underage females then males. It was also noted that there are kiosks that sell vaping items. There is one store in BVH that has closed due to selling vaping items to minors. · March 6, 2020 there will be a Drug, Costs and Consequences Exhibit over at Cuyahoga County Public library Parma branch. There will be a visit with U.S. Congressman Rob Portman. Students from HUDDLE, SADD, NHS and any students with substance abuse will make up the 20 students in attendance. Chaperones are needed. If interested, contact Kelly Lazar by Thursday, March 4, 2020. · On April 8, 2020 there will be a “Robby’s Voice presentation. Robby’s Voice was created by Robby Brandt’s parents who lost their son from drug abuse which started from prescription medication then to illegal drugs. · It was mentioned that there is a decline in deaths from overdosing. But both the Broadview Heights and Breckville police officers also mentioned the reason for the decline. That is because the Police use NarCan and there are more lives being saved. · On March 31, 2020 there will be a ARDDES education session from the PEER’s Foundation. This is sponsored by General Motors. ARDDES stands for Augmented Reality Driving Education Simulator. This is used to see how teen drivers can be distracted why texting and driving. · The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Fact Week is March 30th- April 3rd. · Drug Take Back Day is April 25, 2020 over at the Brecksville Horticultural Building. The Brecksville location is the highest collection site in Cuyahoga county. Spring sees a higher collection rate then the fall. People are getting rid of their medications from when they were sick over the winter. There is a shortage of Sharpe containers. CAPA will be interviewing 3 new interns for the 2020-2021 school year. 1st semester the freshmen girls meet with the interns and the 2nd semester the sophomore girls meet with the interns. It was mentioned that there is a need for male interns for the male students at the school. The Football Coach has picked a few HS male leaders to take on intern roles.  It was mentioned that the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School and High School showed the documentary “Like” to the students and this lead to a conversation with CAPA members with the reality of social media affecting our students. Officer Marc from Brecksville mentioned that some of these kids may end up doing something inappropriate that would lead them to be charged with a felony or even have them register as a sex offender all because the current laws are outdated and don’t coincide with today’s technological world. This isn’t right and should be changed but that is for state leaders to decide. Finally, Broadview Heights Mayor Alai reported that due to Corona virus issue the city is being proactive in keeping the Recreation Center clean. City leaders are taking precautionary measures and meeting with CDC and the Board of Health in educating citizens about this virus. He also talked about not getting information from social media. |
| **High School-****Steven Ast - Principal**  | Present.**ACT One Day Preparation Course - March 12th**BBHHS has partnered with Next Level Prep to provide an opportunity for students to participate in an intensive one day workshop focused on each test’s structure, the academic content covered, and testing & time management strategies.  The one day workshop is available during our school day for $59.**Health and Wellness Fair - Friday March 13th**On Friday March 13th BBHHS will be hosting a Health and Wellness Fair during lunch periods in the high school gym.  The BBHHS Health & Wellness Fair will introduce students to various organizations in our community that support health & wellness initiatives.  There will be groups pertaining to mental health, personal safety, fitness, public health, nutrition, environmental protection, physical health, global wellness, and more.  The goal is to establish and strengthen collaborative efforts between the students and our community resources so that together we can work towards the common objective of making healthy life choices. **Happy, Healthy, Almost Stress-Free College Planning & Success: For Parents and Students, - Guest Speaker Author Harlan Cohen - March 31st - 7:00 p.m.**College is a BIG change — it’s a dramatic change with new challenges most students and parents never see coming.  As a result, millions of students are struggling. *New York Times* bestselling author of the #1 book on college life, Harlan Cohen (*The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College* and *The Naked Roommate: For Parents Only!)* helps students and parents know what’s coming and how to create the best college experience.   He helps parents and grandparents know how they can be the best partners along the way. Mr. Cohen will be speaking at BBHHS on March 31st, 7:00 pm in the high school media center. All students and parents are welcome to attend. Please sign up to attend.  **FreeBEE Friday March 27th - NO SCHOOL Teacher PD Day**On Friday, March 27rd (district records and professional development day) from 1:00 to 3:00p.m. participating businesses will be offering “free sample size” products along with special purchase items to its visitors just for stopping in.  Maps will be available to guide participants on the hunt for free treasures offered by our great local businesses. A complete list of participating merchants will be posted on our website and available on maps during the week of March 23rd. New lighting going into the high school auditorium after the spring musical. **Scheduling Update**Students were given scheduling verification forms indicating the courses that will be built into their schedules for next school year.  Please review this form and return it to the assistant principals’ office. Building the master schedule is a complex process and in an effort to balance class sizes and meet the needs of our students’ graduation requirements, we need to finalize requests prior to the schedule build.  The only schedule changes after the schedule is built will be to fix errors/ omissions or to address missing graduation requirements.**Congratulations to the Bees Competing at States!*** Bees Gymnastics team earned their 17th consecutive state title this past weekend!
* Katie Dembie Floor Routine Champion
* Pete Krusinski - 100 Yard Breaststroke Champion
* Speech and Debate and Robotics this weekend and Wrestling and Art next weekend!
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| **HS PSO** **Megan Sarfi** | Present.The Gifts and Goals Committee voted to approve the following donations this year:1. $500 to Mr. Kowatch for purchase of Fab Lab equipment to help make school banners which will greatly reduce the cost of the banners.
2. $750 to the Zen Den in the Counseling Office.

The After Prom fundraiser will be kicking off. They will sell 100 tickets at $25 each for 6 reserved seats to graduation. Will also sell 100 tickets to win 2 tickets for Prom and After Prom at $20 each. These will be available for purchase on-line and at school.The spring musical – Little Mermaid will be the weekend of April 3-4. Cost of tickets for the play are $7.00. Play will be held in the high school auditorium. The Robotics team will host a spaghetti dinner before the musical to raise money for the Robotics Club. The cost of a dinner is $10. Dinner includes pasta & meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, Starbucks coffee, tea or lemonade. The dinner will be served in the high school cafeteria. You can get a combined ticket for the play and dinner for $15 (which saves you $2.00 if buying individually).We have several open positions for the high school PSO Board. Contact Megan Sarfi if interested. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings****Brian Bedford,****Asst. Principal** | Present.What a show that David Smith Jr. put on at our middle school this past month.  It was a packed house of close to 1,000 people. He was entertaining and everyone seemed to have a good time.  Thanks to our MS PSO Presidents and members for putting on a fabulous event that raised close to $14,000. We have started a couple of incentives and brain breaks for our kids at the middle school.  Administrators bring in donuts randomly in the morning and visit homerooms and we ask three questions: 1) Is everyone there, 2) Was everyone on time and 3) Is everyone prepared to learn. First homeroom that we find that can answer yes to all three questions wins the donuts for their homeroom for that day.  The second thing we started is random dancing. We will go on the PA and play a song for 30 seconds and allow students and staff a chance to get up and dance to relieve some energy and to have a little fun. We are hoping that these things among others keep students and staff energized and focused during this long stretch before spring break.  Our state testing will begin the week before spring break and will continue when we return from break, as well. Students and adults have been working hard preparing for our MS Musical Honk Jr. which will be performed on March 21st and March 22nd. Please stop out and watch our talented group of students involved in this production. Don’t forget to see our musical groups perform at the pancake breakfast on March 2st at the HS.  Get your tickets early for this fun event.  New lighting going in to the auditorium.  |
| **MS PSO-****Denise Gawlik****Kerry Ely** | Present.Rick Smith Jr. - The MS Auditorium Renovation Committee hosted Rick Smith Jr. on Saturday Feb 22nd.  The event was sold out and much fun was had by everyone who attended.  The event raised nearly $15,000 for the auditorium.  Special thanks to everyone who volunteered, donated items or attended the event.  Special shout outs to Megan Haynes and Nicole Kern for collecting and organizing our 31 raffle baskets and to Mr. Rings, Mr. Bedford and Mr. Warders for selling 50/50 raffle tickets.Honk Jr.  - Please save the date for the upcoming MS Spring Musical Honk Jr.!!  The performances will be Saturday, March 21st at 7:00pm and Sunday March 22nd at 2:00pm.  There are 75 middle schoolers involved in the play and we can't wait to see it.  Tickets will be $5.00 and will be available in the Main Office of each elementary school, sold during lunch at the Middle School and available at the door.Spring Book Fair - the Middle School Spring Book Fair is scheduled for March 23-26th.  Middle School PSO is looking for interested parents of rising 5th graders to get involved in our committees - if you are interested in Staff Appreciation, 5th Grade Variety Show, 5th Grade Science Club, or have any clubs you want to bring to the Middle School, please contact Jen Dzina at jen@dzina.com.Three MS teams going to the State Robotics tournament.A portion of the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast going to the Auditorium Renovation Fund. Kiwanis donating $5,000 from the profits of the run. |
| **Chippewa Principal-****Beverly Chambers** | Present. Mrs. Chambers gave the 3 elementary schools’ combined report.\*Chippewa, Hilton, and Highland Drive Schools will all be participating in the “Three Schools, One Book” program again this year. We are working to build a community of readers! We plan to begin the program later this month and will conclude before Spring Break. Details on this year’s reading will be shared with students at our opening programs! \*Grade 3 students from Hilton, Highland Drive, and Chippewa will be participating in the first “Spring Sing Performance” at the Middle School tonight beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program will be celebrating over 75 years of Disney musical magic. We hope to see you there. \*Other musical performance coming up soon: · Grade 1 students from all three elementary schools will be performing at the Music Department Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 21 at the High school. First grade students will perform at 8:15 a.m. · Our fourth grade “String Bees” for all three buildings will also perform at the Pancake Breakfast. Their performance will begin at 9:00 a.m. \*PARENT MEETINGS - In our ongoing efforts to provide parents/families with resources and support related to student social-emotional learning and the ‘whole child’, as well as the positive feedback from our first parent group series (e.g., ‘Conflict versus Bullying’), we have planned upcoming sessions. In an effort to provide times that are conducive to various parent/family schedules, we will be offering each session with a day-time and evening option. We will be combining the K-4 buildings for those sessions and will have sessions for grades 5-8 parents. Parent Discussion Groups - March Topic: “Anxiety in Children/Adolescents” The discussion groups about anxiety will focus on providing parents with resources and strategies to identify anxiety in your child and how you can support them in addressing anxiety. This session will focus on supporting parents in how to identify day-to-day stressors/anxiety and what may be a higher level of anxiety. It will provide parents with strategies and resources. A book or take-away will be provided to those that participate. March Dates (Evening and Daytime options) March 18th @ 6PM - K-4 - Middle School Media Center March 26th @ 11AM - K-4 - CITE (behind the Middle School) \*In Service and Records Day for the district are scheduled for Friday, March 27. The K-5 staff members will continue their work on coming together as a united staff in anticipation of the new Pre-K-5 building! Activities will also include an introduction to the new ELA materials that will be in place at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year! The afternoon will be used to complete report cards for the third quarter. 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, April 3. \*We sent our first elementary team to the Elementary Science Olympiad at Case Western Reserve University last Saturday. Thanks to Carl Harrison, District STEM Coach, and a number of parent volunteers…the team was very successful for their first attempt in this event. The team even brought home several medals for their performances. Upcoming testing schedules: · CogAT testing for Grade 2 – the week of March 30 · AIR Testing for Grades 3 and 4: Grade 3: ELA – April 2 and April 3  Math – April 29 and April 30 Grade 4:  ELA – March 31 and April 1  Math – April 27 and April 28 **Chippewa specific report**:\*Jump Rope for Heart, organized by Mr. Doyle and Miss Profitt, raised over $3500.00 to donate to the American Heart Association for their research efforts. Thanks to Mr. Doyle and Miss Profitt, and to our Chippewa families for supporting this annual initiative! \*Bee Your Best students for the month of February enjoyed a Valentine shaped cookie! 95% of our students were their best for the entire month of February! \*Our Kindergarten…for our current kindergarten students… and Grade 4 Open House programs are scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, from 5:30-6:30. The teachers and students are excited to share their work with their families on that evening. Be sure to mark your calendars. There will be a Book Fair event that evening as well. |
| **Chippewa PSO-****Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present.Our Chippewa PSO has just completed our Gifts & Goals as well as our second Box Tops Contest of the year. Our Family STEM Night is coming March 24th!Several PSO positions open if any Chippewa parents interested. |
| **Hilton Principal-****Chris Hartland** | Not present. Mrs. Chambers gave the 3 elementary schools’ combined report. (See her report above) |
| **Hilton PSO-****Mary Green** | Present.In February, we welcomed Dancing Wheels to perform for the student body.  Additionally, we held our 3rd annual community service night, where over 100 people participated and we made over 100 blankets to donate to Project Linus.  In March, we have our Book Fair & Art Show on March 20. |
| **Highland****Principal****Colleen Toth** | Not present. Mrs. Chambers gave the 3 elementary schools’ combined report.**YEARBOOKS**Yearbooks are now on sale! Order forms were due today, but yearbooks may still be purchased online through March 13th.  To order online go to [www.RipchoStudio.com](http://www.ripchostudio.com) and enter password: highlanddr20.  Yearbooks are $14. **GRADE 3: SPRING SING CONCERT**We are proud to present our first "Spring Sing Concert",  featuring the Brecksville Broadview Heights Third Grade Classes from Chippewa, Hilton, and Highland Drive Schools! Celebrating over 75 years of Disney musical magic, a collection of Disney favorites will be performed by our talented third grade singers on March 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the BBH Middle School. Hope to see you there! **OTHER MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**All First graders will be performing at the upcoming Music Department Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, Mach 21, 2020. First graders will perform at 8:15 am. 4th Grade Strings will also perform at the Pancake Breakfast event at 9:00 am.**PARENT MEETINGS**In our ongoing efforts to provide parents/families with resources and support related to student social-emotional learning and the ‘whole child’, as well as the positive feedback from our first parent group series (e.g., ‘Conflict versus Bullying’), we have planned upcoming sessions. In an effort to provide times that are conducive to various parent/family schedules, we will be offering each session with a day-time and evening option. We will be combining the K-4 buildings for those sessions and will have sessions for grades 5-8 parents.Parent Discussion Groups - March Topic: “Anxiety in Children/Adolescents”The discussion groups about anxiety will focus on providing parents with resources and strategies to identify anxiety in your child and how you can support them in addressing anxiety. This session will focus on supporting parents in how to identify day-to-day stressors/anxiety and what may be a higher level of anxiety. It will provide parents with strategies and resources. A book or take-away will be provided to those that participate.March Dates (Evening and Daytime options)March 18th @ 6PM - K-4 - Middle School Media CenterMarch 26th @ 11AM - K-4 - CITE (behind the Middle School)**DARE**Officer Mark K., from the Brecksville Police Department just finished up DARE classes in all grade levels.  **BEE YOUR BEST FOR FEBRUARY**We continue to recognize students who have “Been Their Best” every week.  Students are recognized over the PA and given an award from the principal along with a PAX key chain made in our HD 3D printer. We are proud of our students for their efforts!**COSI VISIT**Thank you to all of the volunteers for making this year’s COSI a success!**ART SHOW AND BOOK FAIR**The Highland Drive Art show and book fair will take place on March 25th from 6:00-8:00pm.  The students’ artwork will be displayed around the building. Bring the whole family!**ONE BOOK ONE SCHOOL/DISTRICT**We are planning some fun for this!  Thanks for our PSO for partnering with us to provide our students with a book and fun activities.  The big reveal will be the week of March 23rd!  |
| **Highland PSO****Shannon Latek****Sarah Schulz****Sawsan Ganczak** | Present.Highland Drive had a busy February with Open Houses for Grades K, 2, and 4.  Valentines parties, Staff Appreciation gifts, an MLK assembly, BINGO night, and movie night rounded out the month.  In March, we look forward to the 3rd Grade Musical and COSI on Wheels visiting for a day long/hands-on experience.  This year’s COSI theme is “It’s Simply Chemistry.”  Our guest speaker at March’s PSO meeting will be Cindy Finohr with BBHCSD Food Services. |
| **Schools Foundation-** **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Present.Still calculating the total amount earned at the Sip n Support. Up Hill Run will be on June 6th. Planning underway |
| **Band Boosters-****Michelle Banks** |  Present.The Mid-Winter Band Concert was held last night. All 4 bands, plus soloists and even a trombone quartet entertained the audience. Everyone did an amazing job. So impressed with the talent of our musical students.Band getting ready for the trip to Disney 4/13 – 4/18. The Band will be marching in the parade on April 15th at 3pm. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Present.Practice for the spring musical, “The Little Mermaid”is in full swing. The musical is April 2-4 in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be available soon on line at purplepasss.com.We have two fund raisers:Danny Boys in Broadview Hts on Wednesday March 18th from 4-9. 20% of all sales will go towards the choir trip to L.A. next year. Please print the flyer and present it to your server.Spring flower hanging basket fund raiser with delivery in time for Mother’s Day! Thank you in advance for supporting our fund raisers! |
| **Athletic Boosters –** **Karen Bazan** | Present.The Athletic Boosters allocated $5,000 for two wrestling mats. $2,000 for girls’ lacrosse uniform jackets.The Bees Boosters golf fundraiser is being put together this year by Tim Freighter. The next meeting of the Athletic Boosters will be April 6th. They meet the first Monday of the month. All are welcome to attend. |
| **New Business** | None. |