

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**May 7, 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 9:00am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57am.

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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.  I need the volunteer hours from the PSO Council for this year. Shout out to all the teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Lauren Champ**  **Terri Ferricci** | Present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Dawn Papadatos** | Present.  Balances:  As of 05/06/2020 - $ 156,926.34  Donation for Families:  $8,025   * $7,500 from PSO * $500 from Brecksville United Methodist Church * $25 BBH Family donation   Audit:   * Please form an audit committee * I will be sending out the instructions which will most likely slightly change due to Covid -19 * Look out for the email coming over the next week with next steps   Reminder: Fiscal year end is June 30th   * + Try to have all bills for current school year paid by 06/30/2020   + Please review all outstanding checks and contact individuals to cash before year end |
| **Co-Presidents-**  **Khara Mack**  **Emily Woods** | Present.  PSO Council Slate for the 2020-2021 school year:  President: Khara Mack and Emily Woods  1st VP: Petra Laszlo  2nd VP: Christy Crouch  Recording Secretary: Open  Corresp. Secretary: Lauren Champ and Terri Ferricci  Treasurer: Dawn Papadatos  Motion by Kerry Ely and seconded by Denise Gawlik to approve the slate for the 2020-2021 school year. No discussion. Vote passed unanimously. There is a person interested in Recording Secretary. She will be installed at September meeting along with the other officers.  End-of-year reports from each of the PSO Presidents will be a shortened version that will come out through email blasts and websites.  Friends of the PSO announcements will be going out tomorrow. All will be honored at the September meeting.  All PSOs continuing to work while school buildings shutdown.  Several of the schools had virtual book fairs.  All the PSO’s donated money for gift cards for families in need. There has been 30 – 40 families receiving weakly meals from the district.  The Lions Club of BH, Kiwanis or Brecksville and United Methodist Church in Brecksville have been the main donors. Over $8,000 was donated from the PSOs for food gift cards for families in need. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Not present. No report. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present till 10:00 am.  There is a town hall meeting tonight to discuss the graduation plans for seniors. The District is limited with what they can do because everything has to be approved by the Board of Health. If they don’t like your plan, they can deny you. BBHCSD’s plan has been approved so there really isn’t room to change it.  Governor announced budget cuts to schools. BBHCSD will lose $1.1 million by June 30th and another approx. $2 million next year. 80% of school budget is in salaries and benefits. The budget cut this year was unexpected because the governor said he wasn’t going to cut school budgets this year and then did without notice.  Also concern about a drop in the collection of property taxes next year because of financial situations for families in the district.  The new social distancing guidelines will be looked at when planning for the new elementary building. There is a meeting next Thursday, 5/14 specifically to discuss that issue.  They hope to have a fall sports schedule of some kind but too unknown at this point to say what that will look like. There is still a no contact order in place for coaches and all school facilities closed through June 30th. Fall sports practices start August 1st and they hope the Governor will have a decision about that with some notice beforehand.  There is no decision about the D.C. trip that was rescheduled to September for current 8th graders. The tour company has to see what social distancing will look like by then and if it can be done with distancing on buses and in museums for all the students and chaperones. Superintendent Magyar will follow up with Principal Rings about reimbursements for families that are leaving the district this fall. |
| **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** | Not present. No report. |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present. No report. |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Not Present. No report. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Present.  The funding that CAPA receives from the tobacco grant will remain the same since that came out of a settlement with the tobacco companies. So that program will continue.  CAPA has been reaching out to families in the District where needed.  Night of Facts Week done virtually. 250 students participated.  BBH together has been successful with different topics each day (on-line).  Ms. Lazar asked for feedback from the PSO regarding having younger children make postcards to send to seniors with positive notes. Approx. 300 postcards needed. PSOs felt that rising 4th and 5th graders would want to participate. Postage and supplies covered by CAPA. It was decided that CAPA would proceed with this plan and send them out the end of May.  Second plan is to purchase 100 blank yard signs for Thoughtful Thursday. Families can pick up at community centers and put thank you notes on them to first responders, health care workers or others in the community making a difference during this time. They then return them to the Service Dept. who will place them around the center of town. The PSO will support and advertise this plan.  CAPA will also have a build your own sundae bar during the graduation ceremony as the seniors leave the building. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present. Mr. Ast had to leave for another meeting so he gave a shortened report.  The following events have recently been celebrated by the high school.   * Music in the Schools Award – a great program was prepared by all the music departments - k-12. This was a whole-District award and was wonderfully done. * US News and World Report Top High Schools (4th in Cleveland Metro Area and 20th in Ohio). They only look at testing when determining school rankings. BBHCSD offers so much more to make them an excellent school district. * Encouraging Environmental Excellence by Ohio EPA – Dan Reynolds sent in application and we received an award from the Ohio EPA. * Shahil Merchant a junior at thehigh school, and Mr. Goubeaux and Mr. Kowatch – have been making facemasks for first responders and health care workers using the 3-D printer. * Mr. Brennan’s Virtual Marathon – went through the community this past Sunday and he went past the houses of many of his students. * Physical Science Rube Goldberg Projects – the kids sent in their projects via video tape so all could see their work. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present but had to leave meeting early. No report. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings**  **Brian Bedford,**  **Asst. Principal** | Present.  Mr. Rings said that despite the school shut down improvement work has been going in with the auditorium renovation project.  They will hold an 8th grade car parade to replace the clap out they usually do at the end of the year. This car parade will be held on May 29th. It will be around the building. Time not set yet but will be around lunch time.  Locker clean out will be done week of May 26th. They will allow approx. 300 kids in the building at a time for 3 – 4 hour time slot. The older kids (7th – 8th) that can go in without a parent should do so. The younger kids (5th – 6th graders) should go in with only 1 parent.  Students will keep their chrome books this summer. Tech support will be available through the summer for those that need it for their chrome books.  A form will be sent out to parents for refund requests. There will be an option to carry over a credit to the next school year. Each refund check costs the district approx. $4.00 a check to produce.  School lunch accounts will be given credits for next school year unless refund requested.  Cheer leading try outs usually happen in the spring for the fall. They will try to hold tryouts first few days of August, if possible. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  The PSO has been holding Zoom Meetings with Mr. Rings and these have been well-attended. The next MS Zoom Meeting will be May 14th.  The MS held a virtual book fair which made the PSO a few hundred dollars.  For staff appreciation – gift cards were mailed to all teachers with than you notes.  Kick it for Cancer campaign going on. T-shirts available for sale for $15.00.  The MS PSO donated $2,000 towards the gift cards for families in need.  Supply boxes are available for purchase on-line for rising 5th graders.  The MS PSO will honor their Friend of the PSO recipient in September. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not Present. Mr. Hartland gave elementary schools’ report. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present.  There will be a Zoom Meeting on May 8th to install officers for next school year.  Chippewa held on-line book fair.  For staff appreciation they made homemade cards for the teachers.  PSO donated $1,000 toward gift cards for families in need.  May 28th – Chippewa will hold a car parade for the 4th graders. Quarantine t-shirts will be passed out to the kids.  Ms. Lee is the Friend of the PSO. She will be honored at a later date. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Present. Mr. Hartland gave elementary schools’ report.  The elementary school building offices are open from 8am – noon Monday through Friday to wrap up end of year matters. You can call during those hours with questions.  All the elementary schools are working on class placements for next year.  The Elementary Principals are working with Vice Principal Bedford to help with transition for rising 5th graders to the MS with electronic presentations and information.  Hilton and Highland will have supply pick up on May 27th. Chippewa doing a little differently. They will announce.  All elementary teachers using on-line technology to put out lessons to their students.  All refund questions can be called into the offices between 8 – noon at each of the elementary buildings.  Ripicho has shuttered their doors for now and laie off all their workers. Yearbooks will be delayed getting out this year. The schools will get to the parents when they are delivered. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Mary Green** | Present.  Hilton PSO held our final meeting of the year (virtually) on Tuesday, March 5, 2020.  At the meeting we recognized  Dimitri Koutouras, Art Education teacher, as our Friend of the PSO this year.  Hilton is also celebrating Staff Appreciation Week this week.  4th graders will be getting yard signs. |
| **Highland**  **Principal**  **Colleen Toth** | Not Present. Mr. Hartland gave elementary schools’ report. |
| **Highland PSO**  **Shannon Latek**  **Sarah Schulz**  **Sawsan Ganczak** | Present.  There is going to be a teacher appreciation parade via cars in the school parking lot on Saturday with signs and messages for the teachers. This will be videotaped and sent to them. Gift cards were sent to all staff and teachers thanking them.  Karen Chalupa is their friend of the PSO.  They have a full slate of officers to be installed for next school year. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Present.  The Schools Foundation is looking for a few more Trustees to fill some vacant spots. Contact a Trustee or the President for further information. |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  August Band Camp in question as to whether or not it can take place. Boosters reviewing their budget for next year. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Not Present. No report. |
| **Athletic Boosters –**  **Karen Bazan** | Present. No report. |
| **New Business** | None. |