

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**April 4, 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 9:35 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present.  Vote taken on the PSO Council Board members for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The slate is as follows:  Co-Presidents: Khara Mack and Emily Woods  1st VP: Petra Laszlo  2nd VP: Christy Crouch  Treasurer: Dawn Papadatos  Recording Secretary: Michelle Banks  Corresponding Secretary: Lauren Champ and Teri Ferricci  Motion to approve the slate and seconded. Unanimous approval of the slate. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Not present. No report. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Present. Treasurer’s Reports given.  Cash at beginning of period 3/6/2019 13,393.59 (a)  Deposits (b)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Total Deposits  Disbursements (c)  March 2019 QuickBooks Online 140.00  Total Disbursements (140.00)  Cash at end of period 3/29/2019 13,253.59 (d) |
| **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.  Mr. Peterson commended the Robotics Program at the high school and the tremendous success they’ve had in just 4 short years since it began with 4 students (now 40 students). 5 teams from the high school are going to worlds.  There was a security meeting with regard to the new K – 5 meeting. That meeting happened in executive session because for obvious reasons, they will not make known to the public all of the security that will be put in place for the new school.  Mr. Peterson also looking forward to the hanging flower baskets fundraiser at Chippewa. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.  Ms. Magyar wanted to dispel rumors that are going around the community about the new K – 5 building.   1. The completion schedule for the building is still on time. 2. The school is not over-budget. The bond was for $44.5 mil. Currently the cost of the school is at $41 million. Taking into consideration that Cuyahoga County is the most expensive county in all of Ohio to build in they feel they are doing very well for where they are at in the construction of the new building.   31 individuals received their American citizenship at a Naturalization Ceremony at the high school on April 3rd. Federal Judge Chis Boyko gave the oath of citizenship at the ceremony. There were featured high school speakers and the Jazz Band and Chamber Orchestra performed at the ceremony.  The Steering Committee for Strategic Planning had a very productive meeting. They are focused on 8 areas which will be implemented during the next school year. 60+ people serve on the committee which is a combination of parents, community members, administration and students. Next meeting is April 23rd.  The District is still in on-going review of school start times. Ms. Magyar does not think they have enough time to fully review and make good decisions for the new start times to begin at the start of the next school year. They don’t want to rush into this decision. There are so many factors to be considered. Starting with the fact that elementary school is a 6.25 hour instructional day and MS and HS is a 7.0 instructional day. Changing the start / end times for the elementary school will also affect Bee Keepers, busing routes, etc. The union is willing to go to 6.5 hours of instructional time for k – 5 but no decision has been made. If any changes to next school year’s start times are made this year, it will be done by May so that parents, teachers, and bus drivers will know before summer break.  GPS will be added to all the buses at the start of next school year. This will allow parents to go on a website and see exactly where their child’s bus is in current time, should the bus be running late. Outside cameras will be added to some of the buses that are on routes that have seen more problems with cars not stopping when the red lights and Stop sign are out. The picture of the vehicle with the license plate will be turned over to the local police and those individuals will be issued citations. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Jeff Hall** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services –**  **Chris Coad** | Present.  Mr. Coad introduced Kate Moening, NOACA, who gave a report to the group regarding our School Travel Plan development, and opportunity for a Safe Routes to School Grant.  Ms. Moening spoke for almost 1 ½ hours on what NOACA (a federal agency) does in the community with regard to regional planning and transportation. Ms. Moening also discussed grants offered through ODOT to help communities create and maintain safe routes to school through adding more sidewalks and bike paths to connect schools to the town centers, library, parks and recreation centers. Also, adding more pedestrian crosswalks on roads.  ODOT awards 4 million dollars annually to communities in this regard.  NOACA provides support through surveys, walking audits to help provide the framework to the community on how best to provide safe routes to school.  The District will be sending out a survey from NOACA that they will ask parents and community members to complete also that NOACA to review the information and make recommendations to the BBH Community. The surveys are anonymous. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  · Professional Learning days (3/21 & 3/22) follow up  · Testing is upon us! (state tests, iReady) Third grade is done. Central is now starting.  Materials adoptions: Middle School science. A new text book has been approved that is a work book that the kids have to read and answer questions in to make them more focused on the lesson. Various High School AP books (government, psychology, K-5 ELA, etc.)  Meeting regarding 4th graders next year  Uphill / Downhill Race – Schools Foundation fundraiser to support the mental health initiative Dr. Symsek is working on for our District. More information forthcoming.  Focus 3 update. Multi-year focus on our culture. Six R – factors that will be implemented when complete.  Great quote from a colleague in the district: We have to be vigilant about creating a culture in which people feel safe, seen, heard and respected. |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Present.  **Update on Mental Health Action Plan:** We are in the process of implementing the second administration of the Universal Screener for students in grades 4-12. The first administration went well and the counselors worked in collaboration with a clinical counselor to review the data and communicated with parents and students to provide resources based on outcomes of the screener.  We are working with various agencies to collaborate to provide group sessions for parents that are topic specific and in a smaller group forum than a presentation to provide a setting for information and discussion.  I met with representatives from the Chippewa PSO to discuss how they can support the district’s efforts to implement the Mental Health Action Plan. We plan to continue the discussions and implement activities to provide parents with resources and supports  In partnership with Catholic Charities we have implemented two (2) sets of sessions at the Middle School of a Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum in four (4) sixth grade classrooms. The data resulted in a positive outcome for students related to resiliency and problem-solving. We were able to implement this program through ADAMMS Board and Schools Foundation Grant funding.  We have a clinical counselor ‘housed’ at the High School and is a resource for parents to utilize as a private counseling option.  **Stop the Bleed:** We are collaborating with University Hospitals (UH) and the Brecksville and Broadview Heights Fire Departments to provide teachers/staff with Stop the Bleed training. As a result of the training, UH will be donating Stop the Bleed Buckets for classrooms at all the buildings.  3 additional counselors will be added to the District next year. 1 for the HS, 1 for the MS and 1 for the elementary schools. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Not present. No report. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present.  **Naturalization Ceremony**  Yesterday, April 3rd, we had a Naturalization Ceremony assembly where 31 individuals including a BBHHS 2009 graduate took the oath to become U.S. citizens.  The assembly was attended by our juniors and seniors and featured speeches by Lana Kanawati and Mrs. Chang, musical performances by our jazz band and the chamber orchestra.  Christine Rutkowski and Maya Debs read the names of the new citizens while they received their certificates from Broadview Heights Resident Federal District Judge Chris Boyko.  A big thank you to Social Studies teacher Sean Brennan for coordinating the event and to Spanish teacher Chris Bartzis and her AP students for providing snacks and assisting with the event.  **Mamma Mia Spring Musical with Dinner and a Show**  This weekend is the BBHHS Spring Musical Mamma Mia, there will be three shows this year Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night all starting at 7:00 p.m.  The BBHHS robotics team is fundraising for Worlds and will be hosting a Dinner and a Show on Friday and Saturday nights.  **Student Council Student vs. First Responder Dodgeball Game**  Last Friday, March 29th Student Council hosted a dodgeball game featuring two teams of students taking on two teams of first responders from Brecksville and Broadview Heights to raise money for Ohio Guidestone.  Students that purchased a ticket could attend the game during second period. Student Council raffled off a parking spot and a pair of airpods and collected donations from staff, families, and local businesses as well.  In total, their efforts raised $2400 for Ohio Guidestone that provides education, mental health services, and job training to needy families in downtown Cleveland.  **Key Club Leukemia Lymphoma Society Fundraiser**  Next week April 8-12, the BBHHS Key Club will be raising money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society through their pennies for patients’ fundraiser and a visit by the Kona Ice truck next week.  Students will have the opportunity to share donations in homeroom each day and then purchase Kona Ice on Thursday to help raise money for this cause.  **State Testing**  On April 9th and 10th the high school begins the state testing season with our 9th and 10th graders taking their English 1 and English 2 tests during a delayed start for non-testing students.  The rest of the testing schedule includes US History April 26th, Biology on April 29th and 30th, Algebra and Geometry on a delayed start for non-testing students May 2nd and 3rd, and Government May 7th, The 2 hour delay start time will be at 9:20am. The buses will still run on a normal schedule so those that need to take the bus can come at the normal time and work in the cafeteria until 9:20am. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Present.  We are rapidly approaching our first set of AIR tests.  We will be testing in Language Arts for all grades on April 10th and 11th in the mornings. Math and Science AIR tests will be after we get back from spring break.  Thanks to the PSO and Sarah Durham and all the hard working moms and dads that helped support our Musical. It was a fantastic show and a great turnout to support our kids at the shows.  We are in the process of putting the final touches on our transition plan for our current 4th and 5th grade students. Fifth graders had lunch and got a tour of the middle school building last month.  We will have fourth graders tour and visit our building the first week in May. We met with our 8th grade parents about the Washington, D.C. trip as we are 19 school days away from the time we leave for D.C.  We are getting ready to kick off our annual Kick-It campaign which runs during the month of May which typically raises around $25,000 - $30,000. We are looking forward to our annual last day of the year Kickball tournament which will again feature food trucks for the community and students. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  The Bee Lucky Fundraiser concluded with the drawing of the Grand Prize winner of $500 on 4/1/19. Congratulations to all the daily winners throughout the month of March and the grand prize. Thank you to all the parents and others that supported it. We felt this fundraiser was well received and plan to make some minor adjustments for next year.  The Spring Musical - Annie, Jr. was a fantastic show! Attendance was 622 on Saturday evening and 510 for Sunday afternoon. We would like to thank the Director Sarah Durham; Music Director Henry Foracker; PSO Co-Chairs Melanie Hauer and Julie Guardado; plus many other helpers including Nellie Spacek and Jen Dzina for all the hard work they put into this event! Sarah Durham has been our director for a number of years and will not be able to return next year, thus we will be on the look-out for a new play director.  Book Fair was held last week and coordinated again by Sara Albrecht (thank you!). Next profit was approximately $900.  The 8th Grade Canteen will be held on 4/26/19 from 6 – 8pm.  Our next PSO meeting is 4/11/19. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | Not present.Principal Hartland gave the Elementary Schools’ report.  **REPORT CARDS:**  Third Quarter student report cards are posted in ProgressBook to view or print. Third quarter ended Wednesday, March 20. If you need assistance with ProgressBook contact Paula Herzak  at 740-4100 or [herzakp@bbhcsd.org](mailto:herzakp@bbhcsd.org).  **Principals Recognition:**Students are being recognized for being trustworthy.  Phone calls will be made to families and awards will be sent home with students.  **BIMAS-Universal Screener:** As part of the District’s Mental Health Action Plan, Central School administered the second round of the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System (BIMAS-2 a universal screener) this week. Parents were sent an email from Edumetrisis with the link to complete the parent survey portion of the screener. Please complete this screener by Friday, April 5th.    **STATE TESTING:** *We will be administering the state mandated AIR English Language Arts and Math assessments to our  students on:*   * *April 3rd and 4th  - 4th Grade ELA* * *April 9th and 10th - 5th Grade ELA* * *April 30 - May 1st - 5th Grade Science* * *May 2nd and 3rd - 4th Grade Math* * *May 6th and 7th - 5th Grade Math*   *As with other testing situations, it is always helpful for students to…*   * *Get a good night’s sleep* * *Eat a good breakfast* * *Arrive at school promptly. Please avoid making appointments on these days, if possible!* * *Be sent off to school with positive, encouraging thoughts*     *We are confident that our students will do well. We appreciate your support and encouragement at home. Testing results will be made available to parents as soon as they are returned to the district.*  **Central School Spirit Week**  April 8th:  Pajama Day  April 9th:  Rainbow Day  April 10th:  Friends/Twins Day  April 11th:  80s/Neon Day  April 12th:  Stuffed Animal Day  **ORIENTATION:** Fourth Graders will be visiting the middle school on May 9th for an orientation.  Parent orientation will be on May 20th - 7:00 pm for Rising 5th graders. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Present.  The 5th Grade Variety Shower was a big success. They also just completed their book fair and art show.  Walking Club is up and running.  Science Club had their last meeting of the year.  Voting will take place at the next PSO Meeting to dissolve the Central School PSO and also on how to disburse the remaining funds. Nee a quorum of 11 at the meeting to have an official vote.  They are working with Mrs. Toth on an End-of-School-Year event. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not present. Principal Hartland gave the Elementary Schools’ report.  Chippewa Principal’s Spotlight is in process for the third quarter-the staff recognizes students for academic efforts, being positive role models or leaders in the classroom. The principal contacts each student’s home to share the good news. Students receive certificates and a group picture is posted on the web site.  Earth Week…activities are being planned by the PSO parents for the end of April. Brecksville Naturalists have been scheduled to visit with each grade level.  The annual Art Show is scheduled for May 10. Mrs. Moore is always looking for volunteers to help with the show. Please feel free to email her to let her know of your availability!  The Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for May 22…this is a time to thank all parents who have volunteered in some way through the year in our building…whether it was in the classroom, on a field trip, or at lunch or at recess. We couldn’t do it without our parent volunteers. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | No report. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | Not present. Principal Hartland gave the Elementary Schools’ report.  iReady universal screening…third round…is scheduled to be completed by April 30. We are confident that we will continue to see growth in our students in Reading and Math. Parent reports will be sent home when the screening has been completed.  Our second grade students are completing the COGAT (ability assessment) this week. The scores from the CogAt will be combined with the IOWA results to identify those students who will receive gifted services next fall in third grade.  Third grade students completed the second administration of the AIR ELA assessment this week. The students will be taking the Math portion of the AIR assessment on Tuesday, May 2, and Wednesday, May 3. We are confident that the students are ready to show what they know! Results from both the ELA and the Math assessments will be mailed home to parents in June.  REPORT CARDS: Third Quarter student report cards are posted in ProgressBook to view or print. Third quarter ended Wednesday, March 20. If you need assistance with ProgressBook contact the school office.  We will be finishing up One School, One Book projects just before the spring break.  ”Spring According to Humphrey” “Gooseberry Park”  Buildings are taking part in “Stop the Bleed” Training with staff. This is part of our disaster preparedness training that also recently included ALICE training. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | No report. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Present. Principal Hartland gave the Elementary Schools’ report.  Huge thanks to the PSO for a very successful Art Show and Book Fair this last Friday.  Hilton’s Volunteer Pasta Lunch will be held Tuesday, 4/9 @ 11:30. If you have helped us with anything, please attend. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | 1.  Recap of our book fair and art show  2.  Upcoming events:  family science night and volunteer brunch are both this month. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | 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.  June 1 fundraiser details will be announced soon. Funds to benefit the District’s Mental Health Action Plan. |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | Not present. No report. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | Not present. Report read by Recording Secretary.  The Spring Musical Mamma Mia opens today with a Senior Citizen matinee  at 1:00, followed by an evening performance at 7:00. The show continues  with performances both Friday and Saturday night at 7:00. Reserved  seating tickets are $12 and general admission tickets are $7. Tickets  can be purchased on line at purplepass.com or at the door. |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | No new business. |