



## BBH District PSO Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2023

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 President Denise Gawlik called the meeting to order at 9:32am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Petra Laszlo</b>	Present. No Report.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Theresa Emch</b>	Not Present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yuletide completed - food to be distributed 12/9-12/10, can still donate directly at the individual community centers</li> </ul>
<b>Recording Secretary - Kelly Szwagulak</b>	Present. No Report.
<b>Corresponding Secretary - Terri Ferricci and Lauren Champ</b>	Present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● please send reports to Lauren to be included in newsletter</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer - Dawn Papadatos</b>	Not Present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● working through 2022 tax returns</li> </ul>
<b>President - Denise Gawlik</b>	Present. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Stuff the Sleigh</b> – 12/9 from 10:00am to 1:00pm;</li> </ul>



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	<p>location is Hilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>High School Leukemia &amp; Lymphoma Student Visionaries – Team Compass</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Cheers for a Cure – 1/25/24 at Broadview Brewing Company</li> <li>§ Elementary Night at Fun-n-Stuff – 2/8/24 5:00 to 9:00</li> <li>§ Rick Smith Jr. at BBH Middle School 2/24/24 2:00 and 7:00</li> </ul> </li> <li>o <b>Happy Holidays from the PSO – Reminder No Council Meeting in January; Next meeting February 1, 2024</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Board of Education - Ellen Kramer</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● last board meeting was (12/6/23) last night - switching 2024 meetings to 3rd wednesday of the month @ 6pm</li> <li>● strategic planning company approved, more info coming out to community in January</li> <li>● 1st read of naming rights policy- 2nd read in January</li> <li>● approved more roofing work done at HS this summer</li> </ul>
<p><b>Superintendent - Jeffrey Harrison</b></p>	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strategic Planning - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Covid taught us to be more nimble so each stakeholder will see themselves in the plan</li> <li>○ improve and grow in district</li> <li>○ feedback already received is feeding into plan (i.e. from staff, etc.)</li> <li>○ focusing on improving relationships within district staff</li> <li>○ hired company to create and sample community for feedback</li> <li>○ balance what we want for our district with fiscal responsibility</li> <li>○ 3 year plan with measurable goals, culminate in October 2024 with “State of the Schools”</li> <li>○ state report card is only a glimpse into what we’re doing want to celebrate each milestone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	and appreciate the things our staff and students are doing
<b>Jim Crooks – Community Relations</b>	Not Present. No Report.
<b>Facilities and Safety Coordinator - Brian Koss</b>	Present. No Report.
<b>Treasurer/CFO - Craig Yangilos</b>	Not Present. No Report.
<b>Director of Business Services – Brian Wycuff</b>	Not Present. No Report.
<b>Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Dave Martin</b>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Congratulations to our Middle School Disciplinary Literacy team who had a very successful and well-attended presentation at the Ohio Middle Level Association Conference on November 10!</li> <li>· Our professional learning days were quite full and engaging on November 20 &amp; 21. Lots of learning! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The high school conducted a successful EdCamp. An EdCamp is a participant-driven conference designed for K-12 educators that can take on non-traditional learning session formats.</li> <li>o The middle school continued its work with Disciplinary Literacy and began planning for study and research around collective teacher efficacy. Middle school teachers also received ongoing training with Promethean Boards.</li> <li>o Most of our elementary school teachers were involved with two full days of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p align="center">Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling, (known as LETRS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Strategic Plan Process Overview             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o This will kick into full gear in the New Year with community meetings, district staff engagement meetings, as well as a SWOT analysis. More to come.</li> </ul> </li> <li>· The fall third grade state reading test results arrived (digitally) December 4. We are busy analyzing the data. While not a true “apples-to-apples” comparison, this year’s fall results are higher than last year’s fall results. Note: Last year there was three weeks less instruction due to starting after Labor Day. Thus, time-on-task regarding instruction may just have an impact!</li> <li>· December 14 begins end-of-course testing with American Government at the high school. Last year for this same test, 100% of students scored proficient or higher. No pressure.</li> <li>· Several curriculum reviews and potential adoptions have been well underway for some time this fall. Particular courses in ELA, science and social studies are under review at the high school as well as K-5 math at the elementary school. More to come.</li> <li>· Finally...wishing all our BBH students, families and staff members a safe and restful break! Thank you for your support and partnership!</li> </ul>
<b>Director of Pupil Services - Cassy Spangler</b>	Not Present. No Report.
<b>Transportation - Fonzi Culver</b>	Present. No Report.
<b>CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar</b>	Present.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 18 MS kids to Senior Wellness Day - served about 100 seniors, did paint by numbers activity, very successful and much appreciated by seniors</li> <li>● wrapping up staff appreciation at MS and HS, all staff received gifts to express appreciation and show they are valued</li> <li>● participating in cookie making for homeless with Cuyahoga Valley Church</li> <li>● January clothing collection with Common Threads - clothing that can't be sold will be donated - contest between HS and MS</li> <li>● HUDDLE kids going into 6/8 grade classes to discuss dangers of marijuana use next week (brain health, mental health, etc.) - new study shows correlation between marijuana use and anxiety and depression</li> </ul>
<p><b>High School Principal – Kevin Jakub</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Midterms and Finals Reminder             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dates                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Tuesday, December 19th</li> <li>ii. Wednesday, December 20th</li> <li>iii. Thursday, December 21st</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Holiday Concerts             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chamber Ensemble Concert 12/7</li> <li>b. Madrigal Dinner 12/8</li> <li>c. Madrigal Dinner 12/9</li> <li>d. District Caroling 12/21</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Scheduling 24-25 Timeline             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1/16- Recommendation window opens for data entry</li> <li>b. 1/29- Teacher Student Recommendations due</li> <li>c. 2/12- 8th-Grade Scheduling Begins                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. After School 1:1 Appointments From 4-7:00 PM                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2/13</li> <li>2. 2/15</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>d. 2/20- HS Scheduling Information Distributed in Colony</li> <li>e. 3/22- First Verifications Begin</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Bees Making an Impact             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. College Athletes</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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- i. Nov 8th Anna Wise Signed with Ohio University for Softball
    - ii. Nov 8th Luke Skaljac Signed with Miami OH for Basketball
  - b. National Art Honor Society Induction
    - i. Took Place on November 16h
    - ii. [Inductees Cited Here](#)
  - c. Quill and Scroll
    - i. Recognizes students achieving at high levels in journalistic fields (Video Production, Hybreeze, Yearbook)
    - ii. [Inductees Cited Here](#)
  - d. Tri-M
    - i. Music Honor Society tapped new members after Thanksgiving
    - ii. [Inductees Cited Here](#)
  - e. Past LLS Student Candidates Recognized
    - i. Commitment to the Cure Recipients
      - 1. Kate Butler
      - 2. Bridget Butler
    - ii. Awarded for their service to NEO LLS as they have served more hours than any other student in NEO
  - f. National Honor Society Induction
    - i. Taking place tomorrow 12/8
    - ii. An outstanding day where we have the great privilege of recognizing our students who represent the very best of BBHHS
- 5. Holiday Cheer
  - a. Door Decorating took place yesterday
  - b. Deck the Halls will be taking place tomorrow with student gov, making our hallways look festive
  - c. Very own Elf on the Shelf appears every Friday live in the halls for a chance for students or staff to win a Starbucks card if they can capture him with an "Elfie"
    - i. Follow us on Instagram @jakub\_bbhhs, @mrs.izzobbh, and @bees\_mainoffice



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	<p align="right">to get a daily tip as to where Backo the Elf might be</p> <p>6. Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12/8 NHS Induction</li> <li>12/8 Madrigal Dinner (St. Sava’s Event Hall)</li> <li>12/9 Madrigal Dinner (St. Sava’s Event Hall)</li> <li>12/12 BLT Meeting</li> <li>12/12 Orchestra Holiday Concert</li> <li>12/15 Holiday at the Hive</li> <li>12/19 Midterms/Finals Day 1</li> <li>12/20 Midterms/Finals Day 2</li> <li>12/21 Midterms/Finals Day 3</li> <li>12/22 Winter Break</li> <li>1/9 Return from Winter Break</li> <li>1/9 CAPA Meeting</li> <li>1/12 Tentative Safety Drill (8:40am)</li> <li>1/12 Ticket to Broadway</li> <li>1/15 MLK Day -No School</li> <li>1/17 CVCC Semester Exams</li> <li>1/18 CVCC Semester Exams</li> <li>1/18 Vocal Music Booster Meeting</li> <li>1/18 CVCC Student/Parent Information Night</li> <li>1/19 Suburban League Honors Choir BBHHS Hosting</li> <li>1/19 CVCC Teacher Inservice</li> <li>No School Students</li> <li>1/23 HS BLT Meeting</li> <li>1/24 Extended Colony Schedule</li> </ul>
<p><b>HS PSO Presidents – Ann Koepke and Stephanie Ristau</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● December meeting 14th at Simon’s Restaurant</li> </ul>
<p><b>Middle School Principal - Todd Rings</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● As you can see in the picture our curtain has been installed and is up in the newly renovated auditorium. We have a couple more items that we are hoping to</li> </ul>



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complete with our renovation, it looks amazing. Thanks to all who helped contribute to this project.

- We had a tremendous turnout for our Veterans day music performance from our 6th grade ensembles. Thanks to Mr. Hanna, Ms. O'Neal and Mrs. Sipusic for putting on a wonderful event.
- Our winter sports are up and running, the basketball teams have completed their first contests and wrestling will have their first home match next Wednesday at the Middle School.
- The seventh grade ELA teachers are reading "The Christmas Carol" in class and they will be going to the theater on December 19th to see the play in person.
- Our winter holiday musical concerts are scheduled for December 12th - Orchestra, December 14th - Choir and December 20th - Band. All concerts start at 7pm at the Middle School.
- Our next Huddle day will be on December 13th. Sixth and eighth graders will hear about the dangers of marijuana and our seventh graders will listen to someone from the FBI talk about online safety.
- Please remember that our 2nd quarter ends on December 21st. We will start the 3rd quarter when students return to school on January 9, 2024.
- Thanks for all that PSO does for our students and staff. Happy Holidays to everyone from the Middle School.







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<b>MS PSO Presidents - Joanie MacRaid and Petra Laszlo</b>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Staff Appreciation - provided cupcakes before Thanksgiving and breakfast will be provided before Winter break</li><li>● Gifts and Goals - working with staff and Mr. Rings to fulfill wishes</li></ul>
<b>Elementary Principal – Colleen Toth</b>	<p>Presented by Chris Hartland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Thank you to all of our students and families for all of the donations for the Yuletide Hunger drive.</li><li>● Congratulations to our 5th grade orchestra students who put on an amazing informance last week! The students worked hard and certainly made us all proud!</li><li>● 5th Grade band concert is scheduled for December 13th at BBHES.</li><li>● Spirit week December “12 Days of Holiday Spirit” began on December 6th. Daily spirit themes were emailed in the newsletter.</li><li>● Our Holiday Giving is underway at BBHES/Stepping Stone Preschool. (Yuletide Hunger, Shop with a Cop, and Jingle bell jog) We are raising money to help our BBH elementary school and Preschool families in need during the holiday season. Families can send in cash donations or using an online link run by our PSO. The students are looking forward to the Jingle Bell Jog on Wednesday, December 20th. Students will receive bells for their shoes to celebrate the season of giving by jingling and jogging around the playground.</li><li>● Holiday parties - Holiday parties will take place on December 21st. Just a reminder that parents who are</li></ul>



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	<p>signed up to volunteer, must bring a driver's license for check in.</p> <p>From the entire BBH elementary and preschool staff...we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season ...and the best for 2024!</p>
<p><b>Elementary PSO Presidents - Mary Green and Vanessa Caslow</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We held our 2nd annual Culture Night in November. This year we were able to use the High School cafeteria and gymnasium, which allowed us to expand the offerings at the event. Activities included over 20 country tables, cultural demonstrations of dance and martial arts, selfie wall, green screen, and henna tattoo artists. A wonderful evening full of learning, fun and community.</li> <li>● We hosted our annual book swap in November. Due to the large amount of donations, preschool students were able to select 5 books, kindergarten through second grade 3 books, and third grade to fifth grade were able to select 2 books. Thank you to all the district families that donated especially the high grade books.</li> <li>● Congratulations to our students that participated in Young Astronauts Day. Our 4th grade team won 1st place in the overall competition for the Pilots Division and the 5th grade team took home the most individual awards and 2nd place in the Mission Specialist Division.</li> <li>● We hosted our Holiday Shoppe &amp; Book Fair on Saturday, December 2. Thank you to the over 70 high school students that volunteered to help the kids shop! Additionally, we are coordinating volunteers and supplies for the Jingle Bell Jog on December 20.</li> <li>● Our Gifts &amp; Goals committee met in November and approved almost \$22,000 of requests from teachers and staff. We are working through purchasing approved items and some items have already been delivered.</li> <li>● We have no meeting in December, so our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Schools Foundation - Janelle Henning and Christy Crouch</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The BBH Schools Foundation is excited to announce this year's fundraiser for our classroom grant program will be Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 at 7pm at Carpe Raci (formerly 750ml in Brecksville). Join us for "Buzz Around the World with the Schools Foundation: a Global Tasting to Support Classroom Grants." Tickets and further event information will be posted on our website (<a href="http://www.bbhsf.org">www.bbhsf.org</a>) in the next few weeks.</li> <li>● Meanwhile, we are actively seeking donations of auction packages or business sponsors for the event. Please contact us at <a href="mailto:president@bbhsf.org">president@bbhsf.org</a> for any questions or donation ideas. Thank you for your support and see you there!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Orchestra Boosters - Petra Laszlo</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● poinsettia sale completed</li> <li>● will be distributing citrus sale items next week</li> <li>● solon ensemble coming up in January</li> <li>● Winter concert tonight (12/7/23)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vocal Boosters - Cristina Ferrazzano Yaussy</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CONCERT: Top Ensemble Concert <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Thursday, 07 Dec 2023, 7PM</li> <li>§ Treble and Chamber only with Wind Ensemble and Chamber Orchestra</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ MADRIGAL: 4th annual Dinner and Performance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Friday, Dec 8th and Saturday, Dec 9th.</li> <li>§ Chamber with Treble, Men's (Fri) and Symphonic (Sat) Choirs]</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ SMOKY MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL (Gatlinburg): Deadline for voicing interest was due November 30<sup>th</sup>. First deposit of \$50 is due January 8th</li> <li>○ CHOIR AUDITIONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Audition materials were released 17 Nov 2023</li> <li>§ Digital auditions are due by midnight 12 Jan 2024</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o SPRING MUSICAL: CHICAGO             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ 12 Dec 2023 Auditions will take the place of midterm evaluations, after school</li> <li>§ 12-14 Dec 2023 lead roles, choreography, call backs, after school</li> </ul> </li> <li>o TICKET TO BROADWAY             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ 12 Jan 2024, 7 PM</li> <li>§ MIM performance, BBHHS Auditorium</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Suburban League Honors Choir             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ 19 Jan 2024, All day</li> <li>§ All BBHHS choirs and participating communities, BBHHS Auditorium</li> </ul> </li> <li>o VMB BOOSTERS: Next meeting 14 Dec 2023 at 6PM</li> </ul>
<p><b>Athletic Boosters – Tracy Scott</b></p>	<p>Not Present. No Report.</p>
<p><b>Robotics – Joanie MacRaid</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● season going well for HS and MS - HS has 7 teams qualified for state MS has 2</li> <li>● next home meet 1/9/24-1/10/24</li> </ul>
<p><b>Band Boosters – Lisa Galek</b></p>	<p>Present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Winter Concert featuring Wind Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Treble Choir, and Chamber Orchestra is tonight, December 7th at 7 PM.</li> <li>● Citrus orders will be available for pickup next week. Your order should be delivered to you soon (students will deliver).</li> <li>● Can still order pillows and tote bags made from vintage band uniforms:</li> </ul>



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	<p><a href="https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/5c8f3d3d-fb99-48cd-be94-723f38847981?fbclid=IwAR1oKyQ7j3PN5bR0NUd1CpxBfHBVHLSJH2n69qaHm7dqfpgyN4t9YhRTHVQ">https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/5c8f3d3d-fb99-48cd-be94-723f38847981?fbclid=IwAR1oKyQ7j3PN5bR0NUd1CpxBfHBVHLSJH2n69qaHm7dqfpgyN4t9YhRTHVQ</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pep Band rehearsals have started, so look for Pep Band performances at the Boys and Girls Basketball games this winter.</li></ul>
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**New/Old Business:**

**Adjourn**




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In-Person Attendance:

12/7/23

**DISTRICT PSO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
ATTENDANCE**



Kelly Swajntak  
Vivix Gamm  
Ellen Kramer  
Kevin Jahn  
~~D. Slaton~~  
Todd Ritz  
Kelly Lazar  
Chris Hartland  
Mary Green  
Vanessa Caslow  
Lisa Galek  
Jana Kurlychek  
~~JEFF HARRISON~~  
Joanie MacRaid  
Petra Lazslo  
Linda Crocker  
Ann Kagle



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Zoom Attendance:

9:34



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Participants (8)

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Kelly Szwagulak (me)



BBH PSO Council (Host)



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Brian Koss



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Christina Henegar



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Cristina Ferrazzano Yaussy



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Fonzie Culver



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Janelle Henning

