## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**December 6, 2018**



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 9:30am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present. We will begin looking for volunteers to replace current council members after winter break. PSO Units, please let your council reps know that they will need to stay after our Feb. meeting to discuss possible nominations. Also, let us know if you are interested or know someone you think might be interested. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Present. Thank you to all who participated in the yuletide program. Also, thank you to all the schools who challenged their students to donate more through contests. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Present. Treasurer’s Reports given.  Cash at beginning of period 11/1/2018 15,342.29 (a)  Deposits (b)  Total Deposits  Disbursements (c)  November 2018 QuickBooks Online 140.00  Donation – BBH Schools Foundation 700.00  Total Disbursements (840.00)  Cash at end of period 11/30/2018 14,502.29 (d) |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Present. No report other than to announce that the PSO Presidents’ decided to cancel the January 3, 2019 PSO Council Meeting since it’s so close to the return from winter break. Next meeting is February 7th. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present. The Board of Ed. will hold a Special Work Session Monday, December 10th at 5p to discuss the future of Central School. The Work Session is open to the public. The District has paid $120,000 this year in repairs to Central School. With the new school 3 years away from completion the Board is considering closing Central School and relocating the 4th and 5th grade children to another building. The two grades may be split into different buildings.  I visited all 6 schools in the District recently. I’m so impressed and amazed at the teaching going on in all the schools. I am going to encourage my other Board Members to do the same. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Not present. Dr. Martin gave the Superintendent report.  A.L.I.C.E. Training for parents – (Alert. Lockdown. Inform. Counter. Evacuate) January 23rd at 6:30p at the H.S. Auditorium.  \* Angst Movie – Independent film dealing with Anxiety – we are working on scheduling a viewing in our district (MS and HS) most likely in February. It will also be shown to the parents after school for those that wish to attend.  \* Board work session on December 10th to continue the discussion on the state of Central School.  Dr. Martin and I visited Campus International on CSU grounds on Nov. 27th. It’s a unique school designed by the same architects working on the new elementary school. Their cafeteria is more like a dining café. The kitchen is set up so that kids can learn culinary skills with healthy, organic foods. Kids even seat other kids when they come in for lunch. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Jeff Hall** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present. Gave report for both the Superintendent and himself.  Middle School science material review and adoption.  From our Instructional Coach, Cathy Schwenn: We are thrilled to have 30 teachers K-5 who have volunteered to participate in a learning collaborative. Teachers from across 4 buildings will meet twice monthly to learn, share, and collaborate. Drawing from Jennifer Serravallo’s best-selling resources, The Reading and Writing Strategies Book, this cohort will learn new research-based strategies focused on finding goals for readers and writers supporting readers and writers over time in individual, small group, and whole class lessons working towards those goals. The collaborative will discuss both content and methods bringing strategies to life in the classroom while building a partnership between professionals. The goal is to refine our instructional practices, expand the variety of tools to meet the needs of the students, and build a stronger professional learning community. |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present. No report. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Not present. No report. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present.  **Semester Exams Before Break Reminder**  BBHHS will be having semesters prior to break this year based on feedback from students and staff.  Students will have the same option as previous years to only attend school during their assigned exam times with parental permission.  Exams will also only include material covered leading up to the exam. Students will have roughly a week and a half after winter break to finish units of study and conclude the actual semester.  The overall goals of this change were to keep these large tests closer to when the learning took place and allow students an opportunity to enjoy their winter break without exam preparation hanging over them.  **Successful Yuletide Hunger Can the Principal Food Drive**  A big thank you to Student Council for leading a successful food drive that contributed to the community efforts of the Yuletide Hunger Drive.  Assistant Principal Mr. DeTray’s office was completely filled with over 15,000 items, and Ms. Acciardo’s homeroom won the contest by donating the most goods winning them an opportunity to pie Mr. DeTray and Mr. Ast during an upcoming Colony Period.  **Outstanding Music Concerts**  We are encouraging everyone to add the amazing BBHHS holiday concerts to their calendars and hope everyone is inviting family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the great music from our talented performing ensembles.   * December 11th at 7:00 p.m. - Choir * December 12th at 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra * December 13th at 7:00 p.m. - Band   **Chamber of Commerce Consider This Event**  The Chamber of Commerce led by efforts of John Klipfel hosted a speaker forum related to preparing our students for the future in our ever changing economy on Monday December 3rd.  A consistent theme in the presentations was the importance of Family, School, and Business partnerships to give our students meaningful learning experiences to help them prepare and plan for their careers.  If any parents or businesses are interested in engaging in a school/business partnership, we are encouraging them to complete this form: tinyurl.com/BBH-career-survey or contact our Career Specialist Gina Mutch ([mutchg@bbhcsd.org](mailto:mutchg@bbhcsd.org)). |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  No fuss fundraiser to start next week and go thru the end of January. The goal is to replace water fountains in the school with filtered water fountains. The water fountains cost $1,200 each. There are 31 water fountains in the H.S., two have already been replaced by students groups. The H.S. PSO hopes to replace as many as they can through their fundraising efforts. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Present.  We have had a busy month at the middle school.  We had our 2nd installment of our CAPA speaker series for all of our students in November which was centered around teenage alcohol, and our 3rd one will be next week and we will talk about prescription drug prevention.  These series are being put on by HS working with CAPA and Huddle groups it has been informative and engaging for our students.  We have opened up our Bee Buck store in conjunction with our PBIS and students are enjoying the rewards they can earn by demonstrating good behavior.  Our winter athletic programs are in full swing.  We had a change this year with only one basketball team for grades 7 & 8 for both boys and girls. Unfortunately, the league we play in does not have two teams at each grade level and the teams we played last year have gone away from playing our school.  Thanks to our coaches who have agreed to take on a few more players this year to try to keep students engaged. Our recreation leagues and CYO leagues were accommodating in accepting some of our students who did not make the middle school team, thanks to them.  Our new furniture for the Media Center has arrived on behalf of the gifts and goals of our MS PSO.  Our MS PSO is starting a campaign to help refurbish our auditorium, including refurbishing seats, painting and continued upgrade to the structures of the stage and equipment. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  195 students attended the 7th grade social last month. The theme was a Glow party.  Our Holiday Brunch is next Thursday the 13th at the Busy Bee Art Studio where we will eat and make an ornament.  Finally, the furniture that PSO helped purchase for the media center has arrived and the students love the couches and high top tables. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | Not present. Mrs. Chambers gave report.  **Yuletide Hunger Drive**  The students met their goal of donating 2,500 items to this year’s drive.  Mr. Bedford and Mrs. Toth dressed up as PB & J on Monday…  **Mental Health Screener**  Teachers will be involved in the mental health screener for our students next week. Parents will also receive a link to access the screener next week.  **Human Sundae**  Mrs. Toth will be turned in a human sundae on Monday, December 17th at 2:15pm.  Students who sold at least 10 items will participate and all students will be spectators.  **“12 Days til Christmas Break” Spirit Days- A fun way to head into the holiday season!**  December 5th:  “Candy Cane Day” - Wear red and white  December 6th: "O' Christmas Tree"- Wear green  December 7th: "Flannel and Fleece Day"- Wear your favorite flannel and fleece clothing  December 10th: "Jingle Bells"- Wear your best holiday bling  December 11th: "Christmas Character Day"- Dress in a favorite Christmas Character from a book or movie  December 12th: "Baby it's Cold Outside"- Wear your favorite scarfs, mittens, hats, jackets & boots  December 13th: "Christmas Sweater Day"- Wear a Christmas sweater/vest  December 14th: "Polar Express Day"- Wear your favorite pajamas  & slippers  December 17th: "Christmas Stocking Day"- Wear your favorite Christmas spirited socks  December 18th: "Santa Hat Day"- Wear a Santa hat  December 19th: "Best Christmas Pageant Ever"- Dress in your best Christmas clothes  December 20th: "Deck the Halls of Central with Christmas Spirit"- Wear all your festive clothing and gear |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | **Fundraiser: Kids** 16 just had limo ride to McDonalds  12/17 Turn Mrs. Toth into a sundae @ 2:30 in the main gym  **Yuletide Hunger program**:   The students exceeded their goal of 2,500 items. We randomly selected an idea from the student suggestions and showed up to school on Monday, December 3rd dressed as PB & J sandwiches.  **Holiday Spirit Days:**12 Days till Christmas Break Spirit Themes began 12/5  Dec 18 - 5th grade band concert  No Dec. Meeting, Holiday Lunch is tomorrow 12/6  Grade 5-8 orchestra concert was 12/5 |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Present. Gave report for all 4 elementary schools.  The winter bench markings for K-5 students in Math and Reading through iReady are occurring and will be completed by Wednesday, December 19. Data from the diagnostic will be reviewed and used to guide the teachers in the planning of lessons and for differentiating instruction to best meet the needs of the students. Parent reports will be sent home with the January report cards.  Lots of Holiday Giving efforts have taken place over the course of the past few weeks at all of the buildings. This includes:  \* Yuletide Hunger…students at each building supported this annual community collection. Highland Drive students earned a hip hop party. Central students saw Mrs. Toth and Mr. Bedford dress as a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Chippewa students signed holiday lights that are hanging in our front hallway as they brought in donations.  \* Other initiatives included: Chippewa-Wear a Pair…Share a Pair, the Leprechaun Foundation stocking project, sending holiday crafts to Chippewa Place, Holiday Giving programs at Highland Drive and Chippewa to support families in need. Thanks to all for their generosity!  Chippewa’s third grade musical, “Flakes”, was performed at the High School at the end of November. It was a great show…thanks to Mrs. Ferguson, the third grade teachers, and the parents who volunteered to help! Highland Drive’s third grade program was wonderful. Mr. Stamatis and the Elfin Moms did a wonderful job transporting the audience to the land where toys come to life!  The Music in Motion student group from the High School visited Highland Drive this week and will visit Chippewa on Friday, December 14. This is always a favorite program for both students and staff!  Holiday parties and holiday festivities will be held on Thursday, December 20.  From the entire staffs of Chippewa, Highland Drive, Hilton, and Central…we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season….and the best for 2019!  Chippewa will schedule its first lockdown before the Winter Break.. Officer Mark, from the Brecksville Police Department, will assist in the supervision of the drill.  Students were recognized for being their best in November with a popsicle treat. We are proud that 98% of our students were recognized for the month of November! |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present.  Young Astronaut Day at NASA was 11/3.  On 11/12 Dr. Amy Young, a licensed clinical psychologist at KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center, spoke on How to Identify, Stop & Prevent Bullying.  Our Holiday Shoppe will be next week on 12/13 & 12/14 during school hours & 12/13 in the evening for families to bring siblings to shop.  Go Bees! yard signs are available for $10.  Ms. Janko's 3rd Grade class won both our November Box Top Contest & our PSO Membership Drive. They won a pizza party & popsicles respectively.  Our PSO Holiday Breakfast will be 12/18 at 9:30. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | Not present.  The Holiday Concert for our third graders and their families was absolutely wonderful. Mr. Stamatis and our Elfin Moms did such a wonderful job transporting us to the land where toys come to life.  \* Our Yuletide Hunger initiative brought in over 2000 items for families in need. We will be hip-hopping on Friday afternoon as the four grade levels enjoy a dance party in the gym DJ’d by our Energizer Bunny himself, DJ Stamatis!  \* Third grade students will begin smelling ‘er selling Smencils. All proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House.  \* Our school always assembles a giving tree for those that need a bit of extra this holiday season.  \* Our faculty and parents have been gathering items for 11 families this year.  \* Shop with a Cop has been successful again this year. We are awaiting the number of children who will be chosen to go shop with one of their favorite members of our safety forces.  \* As you can see, our hearts and wallets are completely open to make sure that we take care of everyone who needs a bit of assistance.  \* Our high school Music in Motion dance group performed Wednesday afternoon. The members number among the “heroes” for our students.  \* Our iReady diagnostics are in swing as we sit for the second assessments session.  \* The staff is learning about functional behavior assessments and the ABC process-Antecedent, Behavior, Consequence as we partner with PEP in professionally developing the teachers to work with students coming to us from trauma.  \* The PSO sponsored Elf Shop and Book Fair were resoundingly successful. I am convinced everyone is born with a shopping gene.  \* We end our month with parties for the holidays along with that we end with a family sing along our final day of 2018 together.  \* Highland Drive wishes everyone health and days of delight during this season of giving. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | Present. No report. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not present.  Hilton’s Holiday Shoppe and Mini Book Fair are on December 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  Hilton will be holding its Jingle Bell jog the morning of December 20. Students have the chance to buy jingle bells to be worn on their shoes for the event. Funds raised go to help out Hilton families during the holidays. Students will be treated to a movie and fresh popcorn in the afternoon of the 20th. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | Present.  1. Our Gifts & Goals Committee met this week to review approximately $6,000 in requests from our teachers.  Approved items will be purchased in the New Year.  2.  Hilton’s annual holiday brunch is this coming Tuesday and will be held at Simon’s in Brecksville for the first time.  3.  Holiday preparations are in full swing!  Class parties, jingle bell jog and holiday shop are all swiftly approaching.  We are excited to welcome the conductor from the Polar Express this year to entertain students while they wait their turn to shop. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | Not present. PSO Recording Secretary gave report.  TICKETS ARE ON SALE for Sip and Support our Students Thursday, February 21st 2019 at 7pm at the New Orleans Party Center in Brecksville. Join us for an evening of wine and beer tastings, food from local restaurants, our amazing online auction, and many games and prizes all benefiting the students and staff of BBHCSD. Tickets this year are $40 each. More information and ticket sales on our website. [www.bbhsf.org](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbhsf.org&data=02%7C01%7C%7C833de27a71a7400f0cb308d65a1f1869%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636795486927262939&sdata=DGy33LbYq1tcISEqeNmQ5qM9HEH9Ic%2FlnnsRkAUTNcM%3D&reserved=0) |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | Not present. PSO Recording Secretary gave report.  Since our last meeting, the Marching Bees returned for the Brecksville Holiday Parade over Thanksgiving weekend.   The infamous Macy’s day parade featured two of our own Marching Bees - Saxophone player Zach Ravagnani and flute player Nicole Ortenzi.   What an exciting week they had in NYC!  BBH Band is selling Christmas ornaments for $10 this year.  Orders are due by December 11th and will be available for pick up on December 13th before and after the Holiday Concert which will be at 7PM.  The Jazz Ensemble performed on November 27th at the Brecksville United Methodist Church playing Christmas songs to get everyone in the holiday spirit - they also performed at  IX Center during the Christmas Connection event last month.  Citrus orders will be delivered to the High School this Saturday, December 8th.  Looking ahead:  Many volunteers are needed for the Music in the School Pancake Breakfast to benefit the music and choir programs throughout the district.   There are still openings on the committees in the event you can help fill them.   The breakfast is scheduled for March 16th from 8-noon.   You may email Suzanne Orlando at [boysintheband2@gmail.com](mailto:boysintheband2@gmail.com) |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | Present.  Our Show Choir Festival was a huge success! Five schools participated (approximately 224 students/staff) and we sold 368 tickets. There were 9 BOGO free staff tickets purchased and several more staff members attended as well!  The concert season is in full swing right now. Music In Motion has started their holiday performances with performing at Hopkins Airport for the United Airlines Fantasy flight for area kids and their families who are fitting various illnesses. They also performed at Assumption Church and Carrie Cerrino’s and are also making the rounds at the Elementary schools as well. They will also be singing Christmas Carols at Play house square this Saturday night before a production of ‘A Christmas Carol’ at 7:00.  The Holiday Choir concert is Tuesday Dec 11th at 7:00 at the BBHHS auditorium. This is a very well attended concert, as many alumni return and are invited on stage to sing the Halleluiah Chorus with the combined choirs.  Our main Show Choir fundraiser, Ticket to Broadway, is Saturday, Jan 26th at 7:00. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students. |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | No new business. |