## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**October 4, 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 9:33am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at.10.44am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present. No report. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Present. No report. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Not present. No report other than let her know if anything for the PSO Council newsletter. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | **President Philip Shipman gave the report in Treasurer, Kim Policarpo’s absence from the meeting.**  **Presented Treasurer’s Report.**  **Brecksville Broadview Hts. PSO Council**  **Treasurer Report**  **October 4, 2018**  **Cash at beginning of period 09/01/2018 ( 8,446.63)** (a)  **Deposits (b)**  District Events - Chippewa & Highland payments -  Love4BBH Ice Cream Social ( 500.00)  PSO Council Dues - Magyar & Kulik ( 10.00)  **Total Deposits ( 510.00)**  **Disbursements (c)**  September 2018 QuickBooks Online (140.00)  Friends of PSO - 2017/18 expense frames & cardstock ( 65.79)  District Event - BBH Food Services Love4BBH Ice Cream ( 973.75)  **Total Disbursements (1,179.54)**  **Cash at end of period 9/28/2018 ( 7,777.09)** (d)  Kim also distributed council dues invoices and donation tax receipts to presidents and treasurers.  I'm still waiting on payment from Hilton and Central for the Love4BBH ice cream social (should have both by Thursday). bbhpsoctreas@gmail.com |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Discussed a proposed change to Section 4 – Membership of the PSO By-Laws. Philip read the new proposed section 4.1. Membership:   * Membership: Membership in units of this PSO are open tall parents and/or legal guardians, step-parents, and grandparents of students currently enrolled in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School System. Additionally, at the discretion of a PSO unit’s Executive Board, membership is open to a care-giver involved in the daily life of a student enrolled in the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School System. Membership is limited to the unit (school) the student is currently enrolled. Membership shall be made available without regard to race, color, creed, gender or national origin. Each unit shall conduct an annual enrollment of members, but may admit persons to the membership at any time.   Janelle Henning mentioned that there are alumni who still want to be involved in the PSO’s of schools there kids were once a part of but moved on from. A further discussion will be held at the Presidential Meeting as to guidelines for alumni. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | .  Present. They had a very successful Bond sale. They got over $98 mil. In bond orders and they only were selling $44.5 mil. In bonds.  He thanked the Chippewa for the hanging baskets sale. He very much enjoyed them. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Madgar** | Joelle congratulated the Middle School for their Blue Ribbon status in the State of Ohio. They will be travelling to Washington in November to accept the award. BBH was the only Middle School in the state of Ohio to receive the award.  The District has hired a CMR (Construction Manager at Risk). The contract will be approved by the Board at the October meeting.  October is anti-bullying awareness month.  District working on “Consider This” evening with 4 15 minute “TED” talks.  In February there will be a Emotional Regulation Talk – helping kids.  District considering bringing Dr. Kristen Race to talk about her book “Mindful Kids.” Her fee is $12,500. Joelle will consider asking PSO to help split cost for her to come and speak at our District.  March – Take back Togetherness day on March 11th. On that day there will be no after school activities. Kids are encouraged to go home and get off electronics and have a family night. Several restaurants around Brecksville may offer discounts so families can go to dinner together.  Discussion of some of the evacuation drills and taking students from a teacher’s group to see if the teacher noticed the missing student and how they handled that situation. Also, did scenarios where people not authorized to pick up kids showed up to get their kids and how the secretaries handled that situation. Trying to simulate how real emergency stresses would go for people. |
| **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** | There are several training sessions that will happen for the teachers on 10/15 and 10/19.  \* CMP (College Preparatory Math) 6-12  \* PAX training - part of the PBIS program (positive behavior interference series?) for the K-5 teachers. Using non-verbal cues.  \* Ready Math (Oct. 15) for K-5 math teachers. 5 hours of training.  \* A.L.I.C.E. Training (Oct. 15)  \* Focus 3 – initiative to continue positive culture in the district.  o Above the Line (Intentional, On-Purpose, Skillful)  o Below the Line (On-Autopilot, Impulsive, Resistant)  State Report Card was released Sept. 14.  Lots of numbers and letters – most interactive report card to date – some strengths, particularly our Performance Index, which improved from 106.6 last year to 106.9 this year.  1 overall grade (“B”)  6 grade components:  (Achievement 20%, Progress 20%, Graduation 15%, Gap Closing 15%, Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers 15%, Prepared for Success 15%)  The District is happy with their state report card but disappointed they got an overall B. They will work toward an A. There were 26 areas they were graded on. Because one area had a C they could not get an A even though our cumulative score was that of an A. Dr. Martin encourages people to look at the district report card. It is very interactive.  Congratulations to the Middle School on its National Blue Ribbon Award and placing 6th in the state of Ohio as a top Middle School. |
| **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** | **College and Career Readiness Day**  On October 10th seniors will have the opportunity to visit colleges and/or shadow a career that they are interested in. Our 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and PSAT/NMSQT respectively. Students will be dismissed after testing with a permission slip. We encourage students to utilize practice materials on the College Board website and Khan Academy. Khan Academy was founded by Bill Gates. Research has indicated that students that utilize Khan Academy for 20 hours leading up to an SAT or PSAT experience a 115 point increase in their score on average.  **Successful Homecoming Week**  We had a great spirit week filled with well attended and executed events as BBHHS celebrated Homecoming this past week. Students participated in themed spirit days (pajama, Disney, Cleveland, tropical, and class color) throughout the week. Other festivities included the Homecoming Parade and Bonfire, Football Game, and dance. Over 1,000 students attended the homecoming dance. A big thank you to Student Council for planning the week, the Brecksville and Broadview Heights first responders for supporting and supervising events, and to our staff, students and families for making it a successful week.  **Evacuation Drill October 1st (was rescheduled due to weather)**  Throughout the school year, we do a variety of drills (fire, tornado, active shooter, and evacuation) to prepare students and staff to respond in the case of emergency. On Monday October 1st we practiced an evacuation, transport to a family reunification location, and organization for the family reunification process. This drill helped us practice our procedures and identify areas where we can be better prepared for a situation where we would have to evacuate our campus and then release students to their parents/guardians. Our students and staff were engaged, attentive, and cooperative throughout the drill.  **National Art Honor Society Induction Today**  Our Art Department Chair, Anne Jones, voluntarily advises the BBHHS chapter of the National Art Honor Society with collaboration from our art teachers Ashley Rowland and Mary Shaffer. Today a group of 23 students will be inducted into the chapter after school during a ceremony. Once inducted the group meets throughout the year and organizes the annual spring Art Fest. It is very rare for a high school to have a National Art Honor Society. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | The no fuss fundraiser underway. The monies raised will replace more water fountains.  Current membership numbers: 78 staff, 138 family, 32 individual  Moving the after prom to Fun n Stuff. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Asst. Principal Spencer Ward gave the report for Principal Rings.  We were recently awarded the National Blue Ribbon Award.  We were one of only 349 schools across the Nation and one of only 16 schools in Ohio.  There were only 22 middle schools given this award in the nation. This award is given to schools that are high performing on state assessments over a two year period.  We will be accepting the award in Washington, D.C. on November 7th. Thanks to all of our staff, students, parents and PSO for all of their support in helping our middle school achieve this National recognition.  On the State Report card we were ranked number six in the State in performance index, which measures academic achievement.  We have our picture retake day coming up on October 9th and our 6th grade canteen on October 26th.  It is hard to believe that the first quarter is ending already on October 18th.  Our 8th graders will be taking the PSAT test on October 10th. We will be starting our annual fundraiser to raise money for our Washington, D.C. scholarship fund.  We will be selling magazines and cookie dough. The paperwork for these fundraisers were given to the students today.  Thank you for another successful Scholastic Book Fair. The students enjoyed the opportunity to shop for books during the school day.  6th grade Canteen on 10/26.  The 8th graders will take a field trip to the CVCC on 10/24 and 10/25. They will have an opportunity to see all that CVCC can offer kids.  PBIS – Bee Bucks Store being rolled out at the Middle School. The goal being that if kids who have behavior issues see kids getting rewarded for good behavior may make them more likely to follow the good behavior for that recognition too. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | \* Official congratulations from the PSO to BBHMS for being named as a Blue Ribbon School! We appreciate our partnership.  \* Our Membership Campaign is still in progress. As of 9/17, we have 333 total registrations (last year we had 307). Paper: 205, online: 128. Staff count is 77. Being on the FaceBook page is a perk of membership - on 11/1, non-members will be removed from the closed page.  \* Book Fair was held 9/18 – 9/21. Sara Albrecht did a great job coordinating everything for the fair. Sales were $4,452. Our profit was $1,010.54 in cash and $200 in scholastic dollars.  \* We have announced our Spring Play for this year: Annie, Jr. The dates will be March 16 – 17, 2019. Auditions will be held in January after we return from the holiday break and more information will be sent out in the next couple months.  Upcoming Dates:  Our next meeting is Thursday 10/11 at 9:30am at the Middle School.  The 6th grade social will be held on 10/26 after school. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | PBIS- students have visited the Bee Buck Store to make purchases with bee bucks.  Thank you to the PSO for the numerous donations and volunteer hours to make this all possible  Central School staff and students successfully conducted an evacuation and reunification drill.  On September 27th,  we evacuated CS and walked to the Brecksville Horticulture Building to our off-site location.  Busses took students back to CS to simulate the reunification process.  Students were very respectful and responsible during this drill.  Walking Club at recess time will begin next week.  Students will have the opportunity to walk laps at recess and earn charms for a necklace.  Thanks to the volunteers for making this happen. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Council Update - October 4, 2018  Tri-C Catalog Fundraiser – we finished our fundraiser and are in the process calculating totals; catalog appeared to be another success and we received numerous straight donations as well. Contributions and donations of $35 or more entitles students to participate in our "Principal Human Sundae Event," starring are very own, Mrs. Toth!  Garden Club - students had the opportunity to be a part of the Central School Garden team during recess; students learned about wildlife and nature with our volunteers from the garden club and National Wildlife Federation  Science Club – sign-ups underway and preparations are in place for the October and December sessions; for October, pumpkin experiments are planned, and for December, slides will be made, and students will use the microscopes that were purchased last year to view the slides  Walking Club – will begin next week; kids and parents are eager to get this recess activity underway  PBIS Bee Buck Store – successful first month with great student participation; new raffle prizes fill the front display case for kids to see when they walk in the front door  BoxTops – plans underway for BoxTop incentives; thank-you to Kim Policarpo for helping Central get its BoxTop initiative back on track!  Weekly newsletter – we continue to promote timely district initiatives (i.e. CVCC Career Resource Survey and BBHSF’s #GivingTuesday) and have added a new/ongoing District Information/Updates section to our newsletter where we pull info from Flyer Central and other District sites that might be relevant to Central families  PSO Membership – membership going strong; 4th and 5th grade pizza party contest through Nov 1  PSO meeting (October) 10/5 – we will be having a short presentation by a company (Boosterthon) to discuss a possible fun-run type fundraiser for next year or future years, in place of the catalog sale |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | In-service for teachers 10/15 and 10/19.  Thanks to the PSO, COSI will be at the school on 10/8 for a program on Energy.  *Bee Your Best* – students recognized w/popcorn treats.  10/28 evacuation drill. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | - Popsicles on the Playground & the Elementary Tailgate were huge successes!  - Our Bee Proud no-fuss fundraiser brought in  $10,200 - $300 short of goal but solid nonetheless  - Our After School Programs now include the Parlez Language Academy, which offers French in the 1st semester & Spanish in the 2nd semester  - Our Teacher Start Up Fund continues  -Our Membership Drive will conclude Oct 11, with the class with the highest number of members getting a sweet treat!  - We have a new incentives chair for our Giant Eagle, Heinen's, & Box Tops initiatives.  -We're bringing magician Rick Smith Jr to chippewa on Oct 26th.  -A group of 3rd graders have been notified that they were selected to go to NASA for young astronaut’s day on Nov 3rd.  -Have a family at their school with a very sick 3 year old. A meal train and gift cards will be asked for by anyone in the District interested in helping this family. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | * We are well on our way in the No Fuss Fundraiser Initiative thanks to our PSO * We successfully completed our Emergency Evacuation drill on October 2. * We are starting conferences for grades 2 & 3 this evening and will be holding them throughout October and November * Our PD Day on October 15 is filled with activities meant to update our staff on current practices and the Ready Math curriculum * We will be holding a small dedication ceremony at Seneca apartments for the three "Little Libraries" that have been installed with the help of our PSO. Three plaques will be affixed to each of the boxes in honor of our beloved Sharon Wiesler, Reading Intervention teacher who passed away last January. The Date is October 22 and the time is 5:00pm. * A.I.R.S. tests 10/23 and 10/24. * Reminder that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Get your mammograms. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | Not present. No report. No fuss fundraiser underway, according to Mrs. O’Mara. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | PBIS initiative beginning at Hilton. 2/3 of the teachers trained already.  I-Ready testing on going. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | 1.  In September Hilton held its first ScienceDZ of the year.  The topic was states of matter and students participated in hands on experiments learning about solids, liquids and gasses.  The most popular experiment, of course, was the slime making station!  2.  Another highlight for September was our monthly Box Tops contest.  Students submitted over 2200 Box Tops for a chance to play in a game of kickball with Principal Hartland!  3.  Hilton's biggest and only fundraiser of the year is next week.  Our annual Fun 'N Stuff Hilton Family Night will be on Oct 11.  Families will have the unique opportunity to attend a Hilton only night at Fun 'N Stuff that will include roller skating, laser tag, go carts, bungee jumping, rock wall climbing, arcade games and lots more fun.  Families are able to bid on silent auction items and nearly 50 raffle baskets, as well as a 50/50 raffle.  We will also offer a big ticket raffle item, which is a $500 gift card to Target.  4.  In October, the PSO will also host it's second annual Trunk-or-Treat event.  Last year we had over twenty families decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to nearly 100 students.  This year we will add the Sassy Dog food truck to our event, as well as prizes for best decorated car and some other fun surprises!  Halloween at Hilton wouldn't be complete without our traditional costume parade to the school board offices. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | Join the BBHSF by celebrating #GivingTuesday!  This year, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation is joining the #GivingTuesday movement. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Every dollar donated to the BBHSF between now and #GivingTuesday (November 27th 2018) will go towards classroom enrichment grants in our school district. They hope to raise $8,000.00. Please share on social media and talk to your friends and neighbors about helping the BBHSF "support a legacy of fine education" by giving on #GivingTuesday! [www.bbhsf.org](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbhsf.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cba3b315fb12647bfbb8b08d62746a8f8%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636739581779564362&sdata=BPYlsM0HFDvGc0D7atpGaDCe88P9MF8OfeT5cdXbyZ0%3D&reserved=0)  Help Councilman Wolf beat the Bears to support the BBSHF on 10/11 at the Wild Eagle Saloon.  Each year, Broadview Heights Councilman Brian Wolf takes on his counterpart in the North Royalton city council to have a friendly competition prior to the Bees/Bears football game. He has chosen the Schools Foundation as his charity should the Bees win. To prepare, he is taking on his opponent in a "HOG-A-SUTRA" challenge at Wild Eagle Steak and Saloon on October 11th at 8pm. Please "like" Councilman Wolf's video on Wild Eagle's page to vote for him to pie his opponent, and join us October 11th for fun and laughs to celebrate a Bees victory! |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | Band has been very busy with all the home games and homecoming events.  Trunk or treat taking place on 10/26 in the band parking lot.  Citrus sale starts next week Tuesday and runs through 11/2. Delivery on 12/8. The monies raised pay for uniforms, trips, etc.  Spoke to Mr. Rex and it’s not true that if you are in Band you cannot be in athletics at the high school. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- ?** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | The Color Run fundraiser was held on Saturday Sept 22 and was promoted to the students and community as a kick off to Spirit week and Homecoming! Pictures can be seen on line on the choir and orchestra Instagram and Twitter accounts. Eric Baiko a 2014 graduate was the DJ and Barrio and Kona Ice food trucks were there as well! It was a great time and may become an annual event since it went so smoothly this year!  Our Fall Mum fundraiser was also a success! We sold 546 plants, and orchestra and choir students earned money towards the Boston trip this Spring.  The Show Choir Festival is Nov 20th and tickets are $5.00. So far schools participating are Hudson and Rocky River. Westlake will not be participating this year due to a conflict with their Fall musical. Mentor has also been invited. Electronic ticketing will be used this year through a company called Purple Pass. This system was used last Spring for the HS Musical tickets and worked very well.  Music In Motion is booking holiday events and has five scheduled so far, including singing at Playhouse Square before a production of A Christmas Carol.  The first choir concert is the Concert of Choirs on Thursday October 18th at 7:00 in the HS Auditorium and will include the 7th and 8th grade choirs. The side by side concert series with Hudson HS is in Brecksville this year and is Saturday Oct 27th at St Basil the Great at 7:00. This is a community event. Open to the public.  Our next meeting is October 11 at 6:30 in the Music Theory room and anyone with a child in the vocal music program is encouraged to attend! |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | None. |