



Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

February 1, 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 9:33 . The pledge of alliance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05..

Welcome	
	PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS
1st Vice President- Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely	PSO Delegates need to stay after the next meeting to discuss open positions on the PSO Council. Should not take very long, about 10 minutes.
2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber	No report. Not present.
Recording Secretary- Kelly Petros	Please sign in.
Corresponding Secretary- Gloria Joseph	No report.
Treasurer- Kim Policarpo	See attached report.
President- Phillip Shipman	Overnight Geek is coming to do parent presentation on digital awareness February 8 th at 7PM only for parents. PSO Council will be helping to pay \$1250. No opposition at meeting for spending the money. Motion to add by Julie Guardado, 2 nd by Gloria Joseph. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion passes. Fred Pedersen is the new board representative.
Board of Education- Fred Pedersen	Excited to be here, first week was a killer! Attended 3 seminars already. Spending time reading and getting involved in each school to understand each school and each grade. Is interested in everything about the district. Contact anytime with any questions or concerns. Adamantly in favor of public schools.
Superintendent - Joelle Madgar	Remind Elementary parents and PSO – Pilot program for elem student interested in tumbling via school bus to World Elite. Parents picked up after class. Currently only 5, need at least 10 to run program. K-3 only. Sip and support fundraiser is February 10 th . Even if you can't attend, you can bid through the silent auction. Reminder about the digital awareness presentation. Credit will be given to PSO for the

	<p>support of the program. She will be in the buildings to present to 4-9 grades.</p> <p>Also recently an issue with the dress code on the MS PSO Facebook page. Parents need to model good behavior online, as well.</p> <p>Calendars - Goal is to do 2 years at a time. However, will only be doing one year at a time because of construction. Starting to work on calendar 2021-2022 and will not be approved until later next year because of construction.</p> <p>Discussion of paying for large ticket items. Some people are complaining about fronting the money. Joelle has offered that she or Jeff would be willing to consolidate and pay for large orders on their school credit card and then submit for reimbursement.</p> <p>Bond issue – Location is still under discussion with both cities. Discussions about traffic and busing. Will be announced before bond voting. We had a small window of opportunity to pass the bond issue to build new school with no additional millage. So, some of the details are still being figured out. The elementary building will be in the city of Brecksville, not at Chippewa site, nor at the Hilton site.</p> <p>What is plan for buildings we will not be using – The three elementary buildings will be demolished and abated. Central will be repurposed – Not necessarily by the school district.</p> <p>If anyone hears a question about the bond that you do not know the answer to, please forward to Joelle, so she can address in communication.</p> <p>There is a process that needs to be followed for any school owned real estate. The money from the proceeds can only be used for specific purpose or one time purpose, not general funds.</p> <p>Anyone who would like to volunteer – poll workers, coffee talk, etc. please sign up.</p> <p>Asked for official PSO support. Whatever the PSOs feel comfortable with – either monetary or name.</p> <p>Dress code – another survey will go out at the end of the school year to determine if pilot will continue. Clarification needed for leggings vs. yoga pants.</p> <p>Will be scheduling a parent information session on vaping beginning of March.</p>
Director of Human Resources- Brian Wycuff	Not present.
Treasurer/CFO- Jeff Hall	Not Present.
Director of Business Services- Chris Coad	Not Present.
Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Maggie Niedzwiecki	Present. No report.
Coordinator of Community Relations-	Not present.

JC Power, Inc.	
Director of Pupil Services- Gina Symsek	Not present
CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar	Not present. Requested representation from Elementary PSO at CAPA meetings.
High School- Steven Ast - Principal	<p>Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, PSO Report, Thursday February 1, 2018</p> <p><u>Scheduling and New Courses</u></p> <p>Students are in the process of completing course requests for next school year. Here is a list of our new courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Darkroom Photography ◦ Digital Photography ◦ Sculpture • English Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ College Comp 1 and 2 ◦ AP Capstone Program, AP Seminar (2018-19) and AP Research (2019-20) • Music Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Wind Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, and Chamber Choir can be taken as Honors credit. • Science Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Senior Survey • Social Studies Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The American Legal System (Formally Titled Law & Modern Society) • Business and Technology Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ AP Computer Science • Professional/Career/Service Internship for Juniors and Seniors (found in Social Studies Section of Options Book) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Opportunity for a student to be excused from last two periods of the school day to intern with a career or service organization. ◦ Registering for the course will also include completing an application with a description of the internship and the onsite mentor <p><u>Digital Awareness Month</u></p> <p>The high school is in the process of planning a Digital Awareness month in February that will include activities for students and parents. The plan is to raise awareness about Internet safety, responsible use of technology, the impact of screen time, and cyberbullying.</p> <p>Schedule:</p> <p><u>February 2 through February 28th</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily Announcements <p><u>February 6th and 7th</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies at Central School (4th and 5th), Middle School, and HS (9th grade) with Jesse Weinberger <p><u>February 8th - 7:00 p.m.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Program with Jesse Weinberger - HS Auditorium

	<p><u>February 21st</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screenagers viewing for Freshmen and Sophomores • Screenagers viewing for parents 7:00 p.m. HS Auditorium <p><u>February 22nd and 23rd</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Technology Days on BBHHS campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Earbuds, phones, and computers out of sight ○ Request to staff to participate in putting technology away for these two days ○ Request to families to not utilize technology for these two days • Journaling assignment for English about the experience <p><u>February 28th</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICAC student presentation for 11th and 12th grades and for 9th and 10th grades <p>Thank you for all the continued support and please let me know if you have any ideas or need assistance in improving the educational experience for our students at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. -Steven Ast</p>
HS PSO – Holly Long & Karen Mitchell	<p>Senior yard signs are being sold for \$20.</p> <p>Need volunteers for Afterprom May 19 11P-2A at Rec Center. Isn't limited to junior and senior parents – encourage younger student parents to volunteer.</p>
Middle School Principal- Todd Rings	<p style="text-align: center;">PSO Middle School Report 2/1/18</p> <p>We started out the New Year finding out the the MS has been nominated for the National Blue Ribbon Award. Staff and students are excited about this honor and continue to work hard to achieve this award next fall. Today we'll start our 14 days of kindness campaign, where we will challenge kids to go above and beyond what they already do and be “kind” to each other in school and outside of school. The campaign will conclude with our winter pep assembly on February 16th to conclude spirit week. Our 8th grade students are starting the HS scheduling process and will begin our Freshmentoring coming up in the spring where they will begin the transition to the HS. We will start our scheduling process near the end of February. Our conference basketball teams enter tournament action this weekend. Our staff was awarded several grants through the schools foundation grants, they are up in running including the “Augmented Virtual Reality Sandbox”. The students make the sand look like a certain kind of topographical region and the system will project whether or not they are correct by showing them the contour lines on the sand and will automatically adjust as they move the sand around. Wizard of Oz – March 24-25. Casting was done and have started rehearsing. Vaping is also an issue at the Middle School.</p>

MS PSO- Jennifer Dzina Julie Guardado	Kids have been working hard on the musical. Wizard of Oz March 24 7PM-25 2PM.
Central School Principal- Chris Hartland	<p>Colleen Toth for all buildings–</p> <p>Indoor recess vs. outdoor recess – if its 20 degrees or above they will go outside. Administration makes the decision based on other factors due to Central’s unique structure.</p> <p>2Q report cards went out last week. Central School will be trying online report cards starting 3Q.</p> <p>2nd and 5th graders are in the process of completing Iowa tests for gifted identifications. Ability test given to 2nd graders as a component of the identifications.</p> <p>AIR testing was sent home with report cards. Intervention programs are going on at all K-3 buildings.</p> <p>Winter benchmarking for Iready results went home with report cards. Data used to drive instruction in classrooms.</p> <p>Many charitable initiatives. For example: Shop with a cop, Stocking project, jingle bell jog, dress down December, Smencil sale (2/5-2/16) for kick it, jeans days for sip and support, Mr. Martin goes AWOL,</p> <p>STEAM Room at Highland Drive, Huddle.</p> <p>DARE lessons at all buildings.</p> <p>COSI at Chippewa last week. High school students helped out.</p> <p>Valentine’s day parties on February 14th.</p> <p>Positive behavior initiatives at all schools continue.</p> <p>Encouraging Kindness week at Central.</p>
Central PSO- Dan Foley & Khara Mack	Fifth grade variety show March 8 th . Otherwise, covered by Mrs. Toth.
Chippewa Principal- Beverly Chambers	See report by Mrs. Toth
Chippewa PSO- Maggie Mitchell & Heather Pignatiello	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Shoppe – Holiday Shoppe was held on Thursday and Friday, December 7-9th, during the school day and was open during the evening on Thursday. The 3rd grade classes each took turns working the shop and helping the other grades find just the right gift for their loved one. We chose to purchase all items locally and marked everything \$2. This was a great success this year raising over \$2000. • We held a Holiday Mixer on December 18, 2017 at the home of Heather Pignatiello. It was a fun evening for PSO members and spouses. • Cosi on Wheels – came to Chippewa on January 24th. The theme was Ecology. The

	students enjoyed hands on learning about our ecosystem.
Highland Drive Principal- Eva O'Mara	See report by Mrs. Toth
Highland PSO- Sarah Beebe & Joanie MacRaild	No report.
Hilton Principal- David Martin	See report by Mrs. Toth
Hilton PSO- Christy Crouch	<p>Quick update from Hilton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our fall spirit wear fundraiser raised over \$500 for Hilton! Thank you to everyone who supported us. 2. We hosted our second ScienceDZ of the year last week. Students learned about states of matter and had fun experimenting with solids, liquids and gasses. 3. Our Gifts & Goals Committee is wrapping up for the year. We are purchasing approximately \$6000 in items for our classrooms, including alternative seating, storage units, math manipulatives, physical education equipment, books and more. 4. Our nominating committee is meeting next week to get our executive board and committee chairs squared away for next school year. 5. We have many events scheduled in the coming weeks! Family Bingo Night is February 16 (glow in the dark theme). March 9 we will be hosting what will hopefully be the first annual Hilton community service night in conjunction with the Project Linus Organization (2nd and 3rd graders). March 23 is our book fair and art show, always one of our best attended events, which will be preceded by One Book/One District and spirit week. 6. Our next meeting is this Tuesday and we are excited to welcome guest speaker Michelle Leizman!
Schools Foundation- Janelle Henning	<p>Sip and Support our Scholars 2018 Saturday, February 10th 2018 7-11pm - annual fundraiser tickets on sale and online auction open for bids</p> <p>Please join us for our annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this event will fund the BBHSF annual classroom grant program. Ticket information on our website: https://www.bbhsf.org/</p> <p>Also new this year is our first online auction. Link for online auction is www.32auctions.com/sipsupportbbhsf2018</p> <p>***Please share auction link and information by social media to encourage people to participate, thanks!</p>
Band Boosters- Michelle Mihalek	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The band had 50 groups and 60 students participate at the OMEA Solo and Ensemble adjudication on January 20 - great opportunity for students to hone their playing and performance skills and be judged against their peers 2) The Jazz Ensemble performed and represented BBHHS at the State capital in Columbus for a Celebration of Public Education Day on Tuesday Jan 20 3) Senior trumpet player Ava Traum will be representing BBHHS in the All State Band at the OMEA Conference to be held in Columbus February 10-11 Ava and saxophone player Zach Ravagini also performed in the All American Band in the Macy Day Parade last November! 4) The band is gearing up for the trip to Disney April 5-10. The band will march down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom on Saturday April 7th at 2:30PM. All 330 uniforms have been cleaned, room assignments are completed and more chaperones are needed! 5) Biggest fundraiser of the year is right around the corner -The 4th annual Music in our

	Schools Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday March 23 from 8-1PM. Many groups will be performing including various alumni groups. Tickets on sale at the door \$10 for large breakfast \$5 for small breakfast.
Orchestra Boosters- Melissa Rohrer	March 3 rd – Electrify your strings. OMEA for middle school Orchestra will be at Middle School on March 10 th .
Vocal Boosters – Kristen Beven	<p>Friday Jan 19th Music In Motion performed at the Hudson High School Show choir festival, along with Nordonia HS and Aurora HS. They have another Show Choir festival on Monday Feb 5th at 7:00 at Rocky River HS.</p> <p>The Solo and Ensemble contest was Saturday Jan 20th at Padua HS. Chamber Choir performances each earned a superior rating in Class A, which is the most difficult class. 8 students also performed individually and all of them received Superior and Excellent ratings!</p> <p>Music In Motion has their annual fund raiser on Saturday Feb 24th at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. This year the opening act highlights a BBHHS alumni Chris Choma and his a cappella group from the University of Akron. We are very excited to have a familiar face come back to perform! After a brief intermission, MIM will perform all of their songs they have learned so far this school year. There is a dessert reception afterward and then various solo and small group performances as well. It is a very entertaining event and very family friendly. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students (18 and under). This year Music in Motion's theme has been Darkness and Light and all most of their songs have to do with time. So the posters for the fundraiser are TIME Magazine covers! Along with the group cover, each student will his or her own magazine cover! A new cover is being released each day on the choir FB page, and on Instagram and twitter! Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door.</p> <p>The Choir/Orchestra trip for the 2018-2019 school year was announced they are going to Boston, MA over spring break (April 13-17). The VMB are having another flower fundraiser in the spring (before Mothers Day) and will be selling hanging flower baskets! Students can earn money towards their trip by participating in the fund raiser.</p>
Athletic Boosters	Not Present
New Business	Question about extra snow days – Board will decide if we have more. Senior exams will not change.