



# Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

March 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 9:34. The pledge of alliance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54..

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	<b>PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS</b>																				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- Denise Gawlik &amp; Kerry Ely</b>	Slate of officers for the 2018-2019 school year:  Council President - Philip Shipmen Co-1st VPs - Kerry Ely and Denise Gawlik 2nd VP - Jill Getber Treasurer - Kim Policorpo Recording Secretary - Michelle Banks Corresponding Secretary - Gloria Joseph																				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Jill Gerber</b>	No report																				
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<b>Treasurer- Kim Policarpo</b>	I'll be reaching out to presidents and treasurers prior to Spring Break about the year-end audit - sending them updated Audit guidelines, forms to review, listing of what documents/ reports are necessary for the audit, and reminder to form their Audit Committee and note who can and cannot be on this committee  <table border="1" data-bbox="435 1537 797 1986"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Brecksville Broadview Hts. PSO Council Treasurer Report March 1, 2018</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cash at beginning of period 2/01/2018</td> <td>11,986.10 (a)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Deposits (b)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amazon Smiles</td> <td>5.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Deposits</b></td> <td><b>5.89</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>Disbursements (c)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2018 - QuickBooks</td> <td>140.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BBHCSD - Internet Safety Presentation</td> <td>2,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total Disbursements</b></td> <td><b>(2,140.00)</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cash at end of period 02/28/2018</td> <td>9,851.99 (d)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Prepared by: Kim Policarpo, Treasurer, BBH PSO Council bbhpsocreats@gmail.com 610-306-2899 mobile</p>	Brecksville Broadview Hts. PSO Council Treasurer Report March 1, 2018		Cash at beginning of period 2/01/2018	11,986.10 (a)	<b>Deposits (b)</b>		Amazon Smiles	5.89	<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>5.89</b>	<b>Disbursements (c)</b>		February 2018 - QuickBooks	140.00	BBHCSD - Internet Safety Presentation	2,000.00	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>(2,140.00)</b>	Cash at end of period 02/28/2018	9,851.99 (d)
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<b>President-</b>	See attached agenda. Next Month council meeting is changed due to spring break. High																				

<b>Phillip Shipman</b>	school media center on April 12 <sup>th</sup> and will be PSO council brunch. Regularly scheduled middle school meeting will be rescheduled to avoid conflicts.
<b>Board of Education- Fred Pedersen</b>	Great board meeting Monday. Discussions of safety and security and suicides. Board will move as quickly as possible on those issues.  Attended partnership for a healthy community at middle school yesterday. Very impressed with CAPA students and Huddle students.
<b>Superintendent - Joelle Madgar</b>	<p>Going full strength with Bond campaign. In the middle of doing coffee talks. One a week up to bond issue. Some coffee talks are public, but most are private.</p> <p>Over 100 people showed up for the board meeting to discuss safety. The message shared was “we can always do better”. Nothing is 100% foolproof. Will be putting together a safety committee to comprehensively vet all of the ideas that have been suggested. Chris Coad put together a presentation, available on Website, to show where we are on safety. Several issues that were brought up were already fixed.</p> <p>Rally – A group was going to do something regardless of school involvement. Kids need to hear that they are valued and that there are others who care about them. Great support received from the community. Understands that this is not the end solution, but views it as a kick off for more programs to come. Kids are stressed and need to hear these messages. The message is all positive and will be appropriate for all ages. Permission slips were not necessary because it is on school campus. Safety precautions are strong.</p> <p>Question about what guidance counselors do with troubled youth. Counselor protocol is to do an assessment and then gets parents involved. In the most recent incident, counselors were in daily contact with the parents. If they are over 18, the protocol still applies if they are still in school.</p> <p>Suggestion for full time counselors at each building. Suggestion for counselor with mental health specialization, not just guidance.</p> <p>Will be discussion at meeting on March 5 with principals around protests scheduled for March 14 and April 20.</p> <p>Forecast is for sunny and 50 – It goes on rain or shine. There are contingency plans if it becomes absolutely necessary.</p> <p>All speakers have direct guidance on the message and what can and cannot be talked about. Just adversity and sadness and what to do if you feel those things.</p> <p>Question about response to site selection – So far quiet. Only issue is about wetlands. City has committed to prep land before school construction to begin. Current fields will remain intact. City will upgrade stadium drive. There will be plenty of parking.</p> <p>Kindergarten registration March 7-8.</p>
<b>Director of Human Resources- Brian Wycuff</b>	Not present.
<b>Treasurer/CFO- Jeff Hall</b>	Not present
<b>Director of Business</b>	We are working with both police departments are we will be doing significant drills. The drill protocol will be expanded to include family reunification.

<b>Services- Chris Coad</b>	
<b>Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Maggie Niedzwiecki</b>	It is testing season. If there are any questions or concerns call or email.
<b>Coordinator of Community Relations- JC Power, Inc.</b>	Not Present.
<b>Director of Pupil Services- Gina Symsek</b>	Not Present.
<b>CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar</b>	<p>Huddle ran winter formal to provide alternative activities. Both police officers were there. Raised \$3500.</p> <p>SADD kids – annual rose sale raised \$600.</p> <p>Working on bringing in speakers on vaping. Kelly provided details on what vaping is and how it works and some of the ramifications. Two options for speakers.</p> <p>A presentation to parents from expert on youth suicides. Shooting for a date in April. Hoping for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Showed a 2 minute presentation.</p>
<b>High School- Steven Ast - Principal</b>	<p><b>Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, PSO Report, Thursday March 1, 2018</b></p> <p><b><u>Mental Health Training and Support at the High School</u></b></p> <p>The faculty, staff, and administration at the high school are devastated by our most recent tragedy and are continuing to investigate how we can better meet the mental health and wellness needs of our students. We have received an outcry from our students and parents for action, and we would like to share that this has always been a focus for us, but we are working hard to improve upon what we have been doing. We are also inviting students, parents, and staff to focus groups to help us better meet the needs as identified by our team and stakeholders. Below is a summary of what we are currently or have done to be prepared for our students along with things we are working on for the future.</p> <p><b><u>Current Programming and Training</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LifeAct Recognizing Teen Depression and Suicide Prevention is part of our Health class curriculum and is led by their staff of expert mental health instructors. All students receive a warning signs wallet card that includes suicide hotline contact information.</li> <li>• This fall our staff had a mental health professional development opportunity during our inservice day.</li> <li>• All high school staff were led through the Kognito mental health role playing simulations with our counseling team to better prepare the to identify, talk with, and refer students exhibiting at risk behaviors.</li> <li>• School counselors annually visit ninth grade classrooms during the second week of school to introduce themselves, explain how they can help, share warning signs, and provide information on how to seek out help when they need it.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student led initiatives: Mental Health Awareness Week, Mental Health Mural, and Youth Mental Health Panel participation at Chardon HS</li> </ul> <p><u>Programming, Training, and Planning for the Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School counselors will visit all grade levels for a classroom presentation to discuss mental health, warning signs, review how to report concerns or get help. They will also discuss how mental health is equally if not more important than physical health emphasizing the need to report changes in feelings and how to get support.</li> <li>• We are in the process of coordinating expert speaker from the Cleveland Clinic on adolescent mental health for parent presentations.</li> <li>• All high school teachers will attend a three hour mental health professional development program during the March inservice day.</li> <li>• Collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Library-Brecksville Branch on presentation and book discussion. Author Ken Ginsburg , <i>Raising Kids to Thrive: Balancing Love With Expectations and Protection With Trust.</i></li> <li>• HUDDLE president created See Something Say Something anonymous reporting poster with snapchat code link. Youth-led promoting of new reporting opportunity.</li> <li>• Website with resources for families</li> <li>• Planning related to the culture of high school including Positive Behavior Intervention Supports program, Growth Mindset focus, wellness focuses (sleep, technology awareness, nutrition, coping skills, resiliency, healthy choices, drug/alcohol addiction, etc)</li> <li>• Wellness activities available to students during the day: Yoga, stress management instruction, nutrition fair, sharing information on health practices, etc.</li> </ul> <p>We need your input to through our focus groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Focus Group Tuesday March 6th in Media Center</li> <li>• Student Focus Group Wednesday March 7th in the Media Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Building off the focus group content that the students provided at previous focus group meetings on November 27th, December 5th and 12th</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parent Focus Group - Wednesday March 14th in Media Center</li> </ul> <p><b>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</b></p>
<p><b>HS PSO – Holly Long &amp; Karen Mitchell</b></p>	<p>No report.</p>
<p><b>Middle School Principal- Todd Rings</b></p>	<p>Not present.</p> <p>It has been a busy February, we started our month off with our 14 days of kindness which concluded with a kindness homeroom door contest. We recognized our winter sport athletes at a winter pep assembly. Students are preparing for next year by selecting classes that they are interested in for next school year. Students were thoughtful and reflective after listening to Jesse Weinberger talk about technology safety and concerns. Some students have mentioned giving up some of the apps that she mentioned as most troubling for teens. We are gearing up for our PSO musical, Wizard of OZ, which will have</p>

	<p>shows on March 24th and March 25th at the Middle School. Staff and students are working hard preparing for their upcoming state assessments starting in April. Our science teachers are bringing students down to see the new virtual augmented sandbox, which helps students learn about topography and water flow through different land variations. 6th grade parents and students will getting information about our annual Signs Of Suicide program that our counselors do every year. This will take place at the end of March for all 6th graders. We are excited to participate in the #love4bbh day next Tuesday, we hope many parents are able to join us.</p>
<p><b>MS PSO- Jennifer Dzina Julie Guardado</b></p>	<p>No report.</p>
<p><b>Central School Principal- Chris Hartland</b></p>	<p>Provided Reports for elementary schools:</p> <p>Central’s Student Council’s recent Smencil sale netted a profit of around \$1100 that will go entirely to the Kick It campaign. The students are working on planning a Spirit Week either before or after Spring Break.</p> <p>Huge thanks to all our BeeBuck Store Volunteers. Our store has been a wonderful success. We have also been cashing in our larger ticket items like...lunch with the Principals, Wii for recess, Lightning with the PE teachers, and huge raffle basket items.</p> <p>Our friends from the Magical Theatre Company will be visiting this month to perform Kidscripts. Our 5 th graders submitted short stories in the fall and the group is back to perform them. Two talented student writers will be surprised with a full production with costumes and setting made specifically for their stories.</p> <p>Central’s Art Show/Book Fair will run March 20 and 21. Please join us for great book, great art, and great snacks.</p> <p>Central’s DARE graduation for 5 th graders will take place on March 28 at 9:30 at the HS Auditorium. This is a culmination of a 10 session curriculum with our fabulous DARE officers John and Jose.</p> <p>Central’s 5 th grade Variety Show will be March 8 at the MS Auditorium. Please join us for a fabulous display of talented performances...vocal, instrumental, physical, humor, and magic!</p>
<p><b>Central PSO- Dan Foley &amp; Khara Mack</b></p>	<p>No report</p>
<p><b>Chippewa Principal- Beverly Chambers</b></p>	<p>(Per Hartland report)</p> <p><b>Chippewa has joined the “Three Schools, One Book” program again this year. We are working to build a community of readers! We plan to begin the program on Monday, March 5 and will conclude just before Spring Break. Be on the lookout for more information...and the family copy of the book...on Monday!</b></p> <p><b>Chippewa’s second grade students are busy preparing for their spring performance at the Middle School on March 28...please note the change in the date! Hope to see everyone there! The children are so excited about</b></p>

	<p>performing their play.</p> <p>Jump Rope for Heart, organized by Mr. Rinehart, raised just over \$1200.00 to donate to the American Heart Association for their research efforts. Thanks to Mr. Rinehart, the Chippewa families, and the parents who volunteered to help out!</p> <p>Bee Your Best students for the month of February received certificates and Bee pencils! 95% of our students were their best for the entire month of February!</p> <p>Cathy McKelvey and the Chippewa Student Council will be organizing a collection for the MDA this month. Those who make donations will receive a shamrock that will be hung in the front hallway! This is our sixth year of working with the MDA to raise money for their organization.</p> <p>Our Chippewa Student Council has been busy with two other recent initiatives for our staff and students. Earlier in February, they organized the "I LOVE Chippewa" initiative. Students wrote messages sharing why they LOVE Chippewa that were posted on our gym windows for all to see! It was a wonderfully positive campaign! This week, the Student Council, under the direction of Mrs. Firestone, will be organizing "The Great Kindness Challenge"! Students will be asked to participate in acts of kindness at school during the month of March. Acts of kindness might include: *asking someone who is alone to play with you at recess OR *picking someone as a partner who usually is not picked. When an act of kindness is completed, students will fill out a paper slip that will become a part of a larger paper chain. We are going to try to make the chain long enough to circle our main hallways!</p>
<p><b>Chippewa PSO- Maggie Mitchell &amp; Heather Pignatiello</b></p>	<p>Executive slate filled. Stem planning family STEM night. Family Rodeo being planned.</p>
<p><b>Highland Drive Principal- Eva O'Mara</b></p>	<p>(Per Hartland report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The title of the book is <u>Fenway and Hattie</u> by Victoria J. Coe. We, too have tons of activities scheduled to support the joy of reading about a wonderful pup.</li> <li>• Josh Thacker and the participating gym classes raised approximately \$1700 for Jump Rope for the Heart.</li> <li>• We are looking forward to our Stick Together program that will occur on March 27 for every grade sponsored by the Project Love committee.</li> <li>• Highland drive Elementary School has been designated as an ECO School, USA by the National Wildlife Federation. This recognizes the school's efforts to empower students to engage in their environment by protecting it.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Highland PSO- Sarah Beebe &amp; Joanie MacRaidl</b></p>	<p>Highland's PSO is sponsoring COSI on Wheels this Friday, March 2nd, to share with the students a new program entitled "Energy!" We're so thankful to the high school students for volunteering to assist our students during their hands on sessions. COSI is always a huge hit with our students.</p> <p>We just had our Family Bingo Night on Friday, February 23rd. We had over 180 people attend and have some great door prizes donated from many local businesses. It was an enjoyable evening for everyone who was able to attend.</p>

<p><b>Hilton Principal- David Martin</b></p>	<p>(per Hartland report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student enrollment is growing in Hilton's preschool! In early February, two new sections of preschool (AM &amp; PM) opened up. We welcome long-term substitute Nancy Griffin.</li> <li>• A number of classrooms at Hilton have been creating Buncee projects with the integration specialist, Beth Blaustein. What's Buncee? Buncee is a creation and presentation tool for students and educators to create interactive classroom content, allowing learners of all ages to visualize concepts and communicate creatively.</li> <li>• Hilton had two very successful Open Houses (Kindergarten &amp; 3rd Grade) on February 7 &amp; 8.</li> <li>• A big "thank you" to the Hilton PSO for putting on its first ever "BINGlow" on February 13. We really "lit it up!" (In a good way!)</li> <li>• Mr. Martin and the Hilton staff have been exploring the notion of "failing" in schools; that is, it's OK to fail because that's how we all learn. If students view failing as just another attempt at learning something new and are willing to persevere, the results can be amazing!</li> <li>• Mr. Martin totally cleaned up on Valentine's Day! He measured his loot to be about five cubic feet!</li> <li>• On the last day of each month, Hilton conducts its Random Bee Buck Drawing. Of the 2,000 Bee Bucks earned in the short month of February, four lucky winners (one from each grade level) were picked. Wow! 2,000 Bee Bucks means the students were caught being responsible, respectful, ready to learn, and being the difference 2,000 times!</li> <li>• Hilton continually examines, analyzes, adjusts and improves its safety and security procedures. Effective March 5, there will be greater control and accountability at the end of the day (bus dismissal time). All families will receive these safety and security improvements via Constant Contact, social media, and possibly hard copy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Hilton PSO- Christy Crouch</b></p>	<p>February updates from Hilton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Feb we hosted our annual Family Bingo Night at the middle school and it was a great success! This year's theme was BinGLOW and the PSO provided families with glow items in addition to their bingo cards, dabbers, pizza, snacks and beverages. Students who won a round of bingo were given the opportunity to choose either additional glow items or a book as their prize. Special thanks to Mr. Martin for headlining our event as well as the MS custodial staff for helping us with lighting!</li> <li>2. Our Feb Box Tops Contest has just wrapped up--one of our most popular of the year, basketball with Mr. Martin. Students who turned in a certain number of Box Tops will be playing in a students vs principal basketball in March. Students could also turn in Box Tops to watch the game...and have the opportunity to heckle the principal! This month's contest alone collected 6648 Box Tops for our school!</li> </ol> <p>Looking ahead to March:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In March the PSO is hosting it's first community service night in conjunction with the Project Linus Organization. If you are unfamiliar with this organization, they are a nation wide non-profit that collects and distribute hand made blankets to children in crisis. These could be children who are hospitalized for extended periods of time, children who have been removed from their home and family due to emergency situations, or children who have experienced some other kind of trauma. Our families will be making two different types of blankets and will also have the opportunity to create quilt squares that will be sent to a quilt maker.</li> <li>2. March also brings One Book/One District to our elementary schools. In addition to participating in this event, the Hilton PSO will also host spirit week and a coin drive, and will conclude the week with our annual Scholastic book fair and art show.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Schools Foundation- Janelle</b></p>	<p><u>Sip and Support Our Scholars 2018</u> Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to everyone who donated to our event and all our attendees. We had a terrific event, and raised money for this year's classroom grant program.</p>

<b>Henning</b>	<p>We are still finalizing the end total raised during the event and look forward to announcing it to the community.</p> <p><u>ISLA Grant Program 2018</u>  We are changing the dates for this year's Improving Student Learning and Achievement Grant process for 2018. We would like to award this year's grants at the 2018 school district Convocation ceremony, so the grant application process will be moved up to this summer. We will announce the official dates shortly, but the due date for grants will most likely be mid-summer so plan accordingly.</p>
<b>Band Boosters- Michele Mihalich</b>	<p>Our Indoor Drumline had a 1st place performance at Ohio Indoor Performance Association Competition in Columbus last month.</p> <p>On February 22nd our Concert Winds and Wind Ensemble were invited to play with the Cleveland State Wind Symphony. It was a lovely venue with amazing acoustics which enhanced our performances even more. The theme was "We Shall Overcome" in honor of Black History month and it was a great opportunity to hear a college level ensemble as well as enjoy the informative CSU multimedia presentation.</p> <p>Looking ahead:</p> <p>March 16 - Jazz Band will be travelling to participate in the Ashland University Jazz Festival. This is a day to participate in master classes with professional musicians, provides students a chance to perform in a college setting and enjoy a concert at the collegiate level.</p> <p>March 24 - Pancake Breakfast - the 4th annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in conjunction with Music in Our Schools month and proceeds will benefit the choir, band and orchestra program. Tickets are \$10 for large breakfast and \$5 for small breakfast and will included not only pancakes but raffles and performances every half our showcasing our talented ensembles at the MS and HS. If you cannot attend, you may still donate on our band website</p> <p>March 19th and 26th - the Marching Bees will hold practices those evenings in preparation for their bi-annual trip to Disney. This year the Bees will be traveling April 5-April 10th with a performance in the Magic Kingdom on Saturday April 7 at 2:30 during the Disney "Festival of Fantasy" pre-parade. Please join us if traveling to Orlando!</p> <p>In Memoriam: Senior, Jack Wolf recently lost his beloved service dog Tommy. Tommy could be seen at every marching band practice and game, at every concert and through the halls of school. He has been a part of the band family as long as I can remember. Jack's father, Brian, has set up a donation sight on his FB page to donate to Working Animals Giving Service For Kids, Inc. Please consider giving this this great cause.</p>
<b>Orchestra Boosters- Melissa Rohrer</b>	<p>Not present</p>
<b>Vocal Boosters – Kristen Beven</b>	<p>Not Present.  Show choir fundraiser 'ticket to Broadway' was a huge success that would be great. Final numbers are not in yet I can report more details at next months meeting. And also if you could plug the choir concert that's Thursday, March 15 at 7 PM</p>
<b>Athletic Boosters</b>	<p>Not present.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>None</p>