



# Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

May 3, 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..

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<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 Policarpo Recording Secretary - Michelle Banks Corresponding Secretary - Gloria Joseph																																	
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	<p>Middle School presented by Julie Guardado who selected Anthony Raleigh – Middle School Custodian.</p> <p>Chippewa presented by Maggie Mitchell Ruza Bjelanovic.</p> <p>Highland – Media Specialist Mr. Weizel.</p> <p>Central presented by Khara Mack to Colleen Toth.</p> <p>PSO Council presented by Phil Shipman to Julie Guardado and Jen Dzina.</p> <p>Hilton presented by Christy Couch to David Martin.</p> <p>(Break to serve cake)</p> <p>Needs volunteers for PSO Council audit.</p>
<b>Board of Education- Fred Pedersen</b>	<p>Apologies to PSO for letter that was circulating. The letter was not from Kathy Mack. The issue has been removed from the Board agenda. Fred would like to sit down with PSO to draft a letter together to address Social Media Issues and proper etiquette on Facebook.</p>
<b>Superintendent - Joelle Madgar</b>	<p>Election day for Bond Issue on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Last coffee talk held last night.</p> <p>Dress code survey from pilot went out last Friday. PSO Presidents have been involved in process.</p> <p>Question from Deepak Kumar (Parent with children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade) – What are the national standards of how large a K-3 building should be? How will 1500 kids work in one school?</p> <p>Answer from Joelle: No national standards exist for size. Most districts in state of Ohio have a K-5 configuration. Catholic schools are K-8. So, it is not uncommon. Through building design and scheduling, we will create a Pod concept to keep small school feel.</p> <p>Lots going on through end of year. Graduation is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is after school ends.</p> <p>Regina Kumar – Question about gun clip that was found in the parking lot. What were the consequences.</p> <p>Answer – there were no consequences because the incident was not in any violation of the school district and he was legally licensed to carry. No weapon was around, there was no danger to students.</p>
<b>Director of Human Resources- Brian Wycuff</b>	Not present
<b>Treasurer/CFO- Jeff Hall</b>	Not present
<b>Director of Business Services- Chris Coad</b>	Not present

<b>Director of Curriculum and Instruction- Maggie Niedzwiecki</b>	Thank you for a great year. Almost done with testing. Looking at growth measures. Will publish results once data is back. Appreciate support with everything that goes on in classroom.
<b>Coordinator of Community Relations- JC Power, Inc.</b>	Not present
<b>Director of Pupil Services- Gina Symsek</b>	Unable to attend
<b>CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar</b>	Not present.  Per Joelle – Dr. Rome has released her PowerPoint from the suicide prevention presentation and will be posted soon.
<b>High School- Steven Ast - Principal</b>	<p><b>Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School, PSO Report, Thursday May 3, 2018</b></p> <p><b>Band Director Hiring Process</b> We have been reviewing resumes for our open band director position and are very pleased with the pool of close to 100 candidates. Our interview process begins today with screening round interviews, which will carry on into next week. We will then be inviting 3-5 candidates in to teach/direct a lesson with the band, which will be observed by the music department. Our final round interview will involve two committees (one of parents/students and the other of the music department). Our goal is to identify two candidates that we know can teach and lead the program at the high level that it is at and then determine, which of the two is the best fit for our school community.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Focus Groups and Surveys</b> A huge thank you to the students, parents, and staff that participated in our mental health focus groups, completed the survey, and/or participated in the action planning meeting. We collected some great feedback and have identified some good potential action steps for next school year, which include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementing a two year rotating annual suicide prevention/mental health programming by our counseling team</li> <li>• Adding an advisory period for students to learn, discuss, and be more connected to some staff members in a non-graded/stress free environment. Topics that we are planning to cover include health and wellness, nutrition, sleep, study tips, prevention topics, and current events.</li> <li>• Planning possible wellness activities during the school day, guest speakers, yoga, access to the gym for physical activity.</li> <li>• Returning to full period lunches with an incentive system</li> <li>• Identifying guest speakers and parent information opportunities</li> <li>• Developing a website of resources for families on health and wellness</li> </ul> <p><b>Teacher Appreciation “Take My Teacher to Lunch” Essay Contest</b> Students have the opportunity to take their teacher to lunch through an essay contest where they write a one page paper sharing reasons why the teacher</p>

	<p>they are nominating deserves lunch from them. Please help spread the word, essays need to be submitted to the main office by Monday May 7th.</p> <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>Per Joelle – Scheduling a take back the night next year. March 11, 2019.</p>
<b>HS PSO – Holly Long &amp; Karen Mitchell</b>	After prom May 19 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Middle School Principal- Todd Rings</b>	<p><b>Not present – report presented by Julie Guardado.</b></p> <p><b>PSO Council Notes for May 3rd.</b></p> <p>Hard to believe there is less than a month to go in our school year, time is flying by. Our students have been focused and resilient when taking their AIR tests. We will finish up all AIR testing by the end of next week. Our 8th graders and chaperones have been getting ready for their annual trek to DC. Our eight busses leave next Tuesday at 6:30am and return on Friday sometime in the evening. We have our spring concerts coming up in the next three weeks to finish off a great musical year with all of our groups. Our annual Kick-it campaign, which raises money for pediatric cancer, kick off was on April 20th featuring many of our students and the Cavs flip team. Our students are creating their own ways to raise money for our fundraising efforts. Each year we raise around \$25,000 just in the spring. We conclude our efforts with our carnival day on 5/25 where kids during the day can participate on dunking their favorite/or least favorite staff member and other games. On the last day of school we will have our kickball games while students are here. There will be 10-11 food trucks here starting at 9am for students to purchase food items with a portion of the sales going to the kick-it program. We will open up the food trucks to the public and the high school as well. We will update our website with additional information as we finalize our plans.</p>
<b>MS PSO- Jennifer Dzina Julie Guardado</b>	PSO wanted to thank everyone for help with school musical. Had final social.
<b>Central School Principal- Chris Hartland</b>	Central school is wrapping up state testing today. Just a handful of makeups. We are in the midst of 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> grade transition. Thank you to all who helped make PBIS successful. Kicking off kindness challenge beginning May7th.
<b>Central PSO- Dan Foley &amp; Khara Mack</b>	Present but no report.
<b>Chippewa Principal- Beverly Chambers</b>	Kdg screening is next week. Final benchmarking for Iready has been completed. Earth week is ongoing at Chippewa thanks to parent volunteers. April and May are busy with fieldtrips. Just finished 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter round of principal spotlights. 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade finished AIR Test this week. Volunteer breakfast May 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Art show May 11 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Chippewa PSO-</b>	Make up bike rodeo is this Saturday at 9am. Just wrapped up Teacher Appreciation week.

<b>Maggie Mitchell &amp; Heather Pignatiello</b>	
<b>Highland Drive Principal- Eva O'Mara</b>	Thank you to PSO. All school evacuation is scheduled for tomorrow, rain date two weeks from Friday. During professional development day, staff learned about effect of trauma on the brain. Teacher appreciation is next week. Owner of Spice kitchen and bar is doing a farm to table brunch for 3 <sup>rd</sup> graders.
<b>Highland PSO- Sarah Beebe &amp; Joanie MacRaidl</b>	Just finished Earth week last week. Started Rock river in front of highland. Working with Eagle scout project on renovations to playground. Just finished up book drive.
<b>Hilton Principal- David Martin</b>	Present no report
<b>Hilton PSO- Christy Crouch</b>	Provided Year End wrap up on fundraising and membership.
<b>Schools Foundation- Janelle Henning</b>	Deadline for ISLA (Improving Student Learning and Achievement) Grants is June 30th 2018. Grants will be awarded at the 2018-2019 BBHCSD Staff Convocation in August. Grant applications have been delivered to all staff and will be posted on our website shortly.
<b>Band Boosters- Michele Mihalich</b>	Reminder that tonight is Mr. Wyse last concert. Boosters will be doing a going away open house on May 30 <sup>th</sup> at Oak Grove from 5-8.
<b>Orchestra Boosters- Melissa Rohrer</b>	Not present.
<b>Vocal Boosters – Kristen Beven</b>	<p>Ticket to Broadway, our show choir fundraiser, was a huge success. We sold approximately 250 tickets this year, compared to 216 last year. This is the first year we sold student tickets for \$10 so that may have contributed to the increase in ticket sales. Next year's show will be that last weekend in January due to many scheduling conflicts in February for next year.</p> <p>The pancake breakfast was also a success and raised over \$10,000 for the districts music programs. This money is split between all music departments in each school building.</p> <p>Today is the last day to order flowering hanging baskets. This is a combined fund raiser through the vocal music boosters and orchestra boosters and each student will earn \$7.05 for each basket sold. The money will go directly into each students account and will help defray the cost of the trip to BOSTON next spring, which costs each student \$886.00. Flower delivery is Friday May 11, just in time for Mother's Day, which is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The final choral concert of the year is Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the HS auditorium.</p> <p>Senior Bows will take place on Friday May 25 at 7:00 PM in the HS auditorium. All choir seniors have an opportunity to sing a final song and there will be an ice cream truck celebration after the performances.</p> <p>The choral program is continuing to increase under the direction of Mrs. Emily Garlock.</p> <p>This year, total choir students was 113. Next year, the total is 152.</p> <p>Here are the breakdowns.</p> <p>Chamber/ MIM (increased from 30 to 36) Treble (20 this year and 20 next year) Concert (increased from 31 to 63) Choraleers (34 this year to 33 next year)</p>

	<p>Mrs Garlock also announced that world-renowned composer Jacob Narverud will compose an original piece of music for Chamber Choir to perform. The Vocal Music Boosters will pay for this and the BBH choir will have exclusive rights to use for one year. Choir Honor students will be part of the writing process as well and Chamber Choir will be performing some of his music at the concert on March 15, 2019.</p> <p>Lastly, other fundraising opportunities for the students include a mattress fundraiser that will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the HS, a color-run community event in September, and our annual mum and ornamental cabbage/kale sale also in September. Please consider supporting our fundraisers and help the students raise money for their trip to BOSTON!</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Kristin Bevan</p> <p>VMB Rep</p> <p>The Drama department put on an amazing production of Into the Woods. The scenery and the costumes were unbelievable and the musical talent from the pit orchestra and just the talent of our amazing students both singing and acting was incredible!! And we even had a cameo appearance from our Superintendent on Friday night as Snow White!! I want to also congratulate the entire cast and crew for their Playhouse Square DAZZLE award nomination! The DAZZLE awards honors the most talented high school performers and productions in northeast Ohio. They got nominated for BEST SCENIC DESIGN and also Junior Dylan Grosh-Hoy was also nominated for BEST ACTOR!! The awards ceremony is downtown on May 19<sup>th</sup>.</p>
<b>Athletic Boosters</b>	Not Present
<b>New Business</b>	No new business.
<b>Phil Shipman, installation of officers</b>	<p>Motion to close nominations – Julie Guardado and Maggie Mitchell.</p> <p>Installation of Slate of officers for the 2018-2019 school year by Megan Sarfi, prior PSO president,</p> <p>Council President - Philip Shipman  Co-1st VPs - Kerry Ely and Denise Gawlik  2nd VP - Jill Getber  Treasurer - Kim Policorpo  Recording Secretary - Michelle Banks  Corresponding Secretary - Gloria Joseph</p> <p>Officers present were installed.</p>
<b>Holly Long,</b>	Nominations to close and approve Phil Shipman & Joanie Macrauld

<b>Installation of High School officers</b>	President – Megan Sarfi Vice President – Jennifer Schneider Treasurer – Kelly Petros Recording Secretary – Gloria Joseph Honorary President – Steve Ast  Officers were installed.
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