## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**September 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 9:33am. The pledge of alliance was said. The meeting was adjourned at..

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | PSO Council coordinated the lunch for the Staff Convocation meeting on August 16th.  Over 500 staff and teachers enjoyed a catered lunch from the Market District catering arm of Giant Eagle in Strongsville.  We requested a donation from Giant Eagle for the lunch, and they graciously took 10% off our bill, which resulted in approximately $200 savings.  Thank you to all of the PSO members who volunteered to set up, serve during lunch and clean up duties, plus to Jean Kulik for being our point person from administration. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Not present. No report |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Please sign the Attendance Sheet at each of our meetings. Thank you to everyone that submitted their written reports to me for our Meeting Minutes. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | The PSO Council Newsletter will go out at the first of each month. If you have any items that you wish included in the Newsletter, please send them to me by the 28th of the month. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Presented the audit from the 2017-18 school year. A Motion was made by Philip Shipman and seconded by Khara Mack to approve the audit. Unanimously approved.      Presented the proposed budget for 2018-19 school year. Motion by Philip Shipman and seconded by Dan Foley. Unanimously approved.  C:\Users\PJB\Desktop\proposed budget\0001.jpgM:\PSO sec\treas rept\0001.jpg  Presented the monthly (July & August combined) Treasurer Report. Tax return preparation going from $450 to $600. Using the same CPA firm. This cost is still ½ of what we were paying in the past.  Asked Council Delegates and Units to start seeking candidates for all PSO Council positions except Recording Secretary. The Treasurer position should have accounting knowledge in order to help the other 6 Treasurers. |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Membership drive underway at all the schools. All membership fees are invested in enriching our student’s academic lives. We are working on updating our membership guidelines so be ready to see the new guidelines at October’s meeting.  After November 1st non-members of the PSO will no longer be allowed to view our Facebook pages. The Facebook pages are a courtesy to our members.  Thank you to Denise Gawlik, Kerry Ely and Jean Kulik for giving their time before school started in planning the Back to School Luncheon that was served to all BBHCSD personnel on Thursday, August 16th.  Friday, September 6th at 5:30p is tailgating and Elementary Night at the Football game. Come out and support us and have some fun. Football game starts at 7p. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present. No report. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Madgar** | First, asked “Jose and Mark” to give an update on the A.L.I.C.E. training happening in the District. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Escape. As of now, all administration is trained. They are beginning to work with all the faculty and staff now. Down the road they will work with the students and will offer the parents an invitation to a meeting to discuss some tips and what the students learned.  This program is re-thinking the traditional “lockdown” method which has been shown to be ineffective in recent school tragedies.  New training focuses on better ways to save lives. Including, bringing items in to the classrooms so the teachers can fortify the doors of their classrooms.  After that report Joelle began her report . . .  It will be 1 ½ years yet before there will be any site construction at Blossom Hill on the new elementary school.  The school will be impacting some wetlands and they will work with the Army Corps. Of Engineers to keep that impact to a minimum. The Army Corps. Of Engineers will do a site review and tell them where they will build the school on the grounds.  The administration has been taking teachers for site visits to other new elementary schools so that they can see what is possible.  Road Construction / Bus Delays - The Wallings Road project is a County project, not a City of Broadview Hts. The City and the School District were given very little notice as to when the project was going to start. Joelle working with the Transportation Dept. to try and re-route buses where they can and where they can’t working with the road project managers to help get the buses thru their routes as best they can. Please be patient as they try to resolve some of the bigger issues first. Phase 1 of the project will wrap up around 11/12 and then will start up again in the spring.  Love Rally was great. Kids enjoyed it. Was a little disappointed at the elementary turnout in the evening. Will adjust program next year for younger kids so there are less speeches and more reasons for the kids to move around and be active.  A security assessment of all the school buildings was completed by OSC. These were purposely, unplanned visits to each of the schools. A report has been generated and given to Joelle and Chris Coad. Our District was rated platinum level for doing the right things regarding security. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Jeff Hall** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services- Chris Coad** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | New materials and programs are being implemented into the new school year. A few glitches with materials arriving due to backorders. Will continue to monitor.  Professional Development Days are 11/15 and 11/19.  State Report Card for the District coming on or about 9/15.  He is enjoying his new position in the District. Jokingly said he still rides his bike to work. |
| **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** | **Colony Period/Homeroom**  The high school has adjusted its bell schedule to incorporate a homeroom period every day for our students.  This time is devoted to sharing pertinent information and school announcements. Students will have the same homeroom teacher for their entire four years at the high school so that they have a constant connection with a staff member throughout their time at BBHHS.  Throughout the school year, we will be having a Colony (Honey Bee reference) period on select Wednesdays. This will be a 25 minute section of time for homerooms to meet and discuss/learn about a variety of Health and Wellness, Emotional Problem Solving, and Academic Strategy topics.  They are working on ways to reduce stress for the students.  Exam schedules are being switched to before winter break for more test prep time right before taking the test. Will work better than waiting till after the break to take the test having had a few weeks off from test prep.  PSAT Day is October 10th. All 9th – 11th graders will take exam.  Gallery of Achievement – 5 people receiving the award this year. 4 alumni and 1 former administrator.  **Club Fair**  BBHHS had a great Club Fair this past Friday August 31st.  Official and unofficial clubs (pilot or newer clubs that have a volunteer advisor) setup displays in the gym during lunch periods.  The event was well attended and many students signed up to participate or receive more information about the variety of extracurricular offerings at the high school.  A big thank you to senior, Christina Rutkowski who helped coordinate the event with Mr. Poder. She started the fair last year.  **Evacuation Drill September 12th**  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 September 12th we will be practicing an evacuation, transport to a family reunification, and organizing for the family reunification process. Our students will evacuate to the locations where buses would transport students, some will be transported back to the high school, and then we will practice organizing for reunification (by homeroom) in our gymnasium.   This type of drill prepares us for the situation where we would have to evacuate our campus and then release students to their parents/guardians.  **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.** |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | The high school PSO has an active Facebook page which will be monitored.  They are working on adding the ability to do an on-line membership sign up to help increase their membership.  They are also going to do an on-line, no-fuss, fundraiser.  Working on a new location for after-prom to increase attendance in a safe environment for all.  Kelly Petros gave the Audit Report for the 2017-2018 school year for the High School. A motion by Megan Sarfi and Seconded by Kelly Petros to approve the Audit was unanimously approved.  Kelly presented the 2018 – 2019 proposed high school PSO budget. A motion by Kim Policarpo and seconded by Gloria Joseph to approve the budget was unanimously approved. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | We are off to a great start at the Middle School.  We completed our One School One Book reading of “The Truth About Truman School”.  The first two weeks of school we read our book, did some diagnostic testing and participated in activities that allowed each other to get to know each other.  The staff and kids really liked the book. We hope they take the lessons about harassing and cyberbullying to their everyday life.  It is my pleasure to announce that Maria Schneider has been chosen to receive a “Fuel Up to Play 60 – MVP” Award. Her commitment to improving the lives of children utilizing the tools of FUTP 60 is much appreciated. Congratulations Mrs. Schneider.  We had our school picture day this past Tuesday, students will have another opportunity to have their picture taken again during retake day. Picture re-take day is October 9th  Our sixth graders are currently talking about digital citizenship that they will utilize when using resources online and the appropriate protocols that should be implemented with their Chromebooks.   45 chrome books have already had breaks since the start of the school year. More so by 7th and 8th graders than the 6th graders. Mr. Rings made an announcement to the students about taking better care of their chrome books. It costs $25 co-pay to the parents when a screen breaks or other issues. There are so many broken chrome books that there are no more to loan out to the students at this point.  The past couple of days have been hot in our building but our kids are doing well in those few classes that are not air conditioned. Teachers have been able to move their classes to air conditioned spaces if they felt their rooms were too hot to be in for the class period. Overall, we are off to the Best School Year Ever.  PBIS being implemented at the high school with Bee Bucks. More on that will be coming. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Membership Campaign in progress. As of 8/29, we have 299 registrations (last year we had 307 total so we are almost there); 62 are staff. This year we decided to try online registration.  Thanks to Janelle Henning for leading the way and taking care of the process. We have a total of 114 online registrations so far and have had positive reaction to the addition of online registrations.  We had a table at Locker Day/Building Visitation and Meet the Teacher Night.  Thank you to the volunteers - both parents and students - for helping us sign people up!  Spirit wear in process too.  As of 8/30, we have sold 90 items for a total of $1537, profit of $358.  Deadline is this Friday the 7th.  Thank you to Julie Guardado and Kelly Petros for chairing.  Our first meeting is next Thursday 9/13 at 9:30 at the Middle School.  Our Book Fair is 9/18-9/21. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | Introduced her new Assistant Principal, Mr. Bedford. Mr. Bedford was formerly a BBH high school counselor and she is thrilled to have him working with her at Central.  Central School is off to a great start.  We had a wonderful start to the 2018-19 school year.  Our PBIS program is in full swing. We began the first week of school setting the expectations --what does it look like to be respectful, responsible, and ready to learn the various locations around the school.  Students have been caught “bee”ing respectful, responsible and ready to learn and have been given bee bucks to spend at our school store.  Thank you to the PSO for already dedicating numerous volunteer hours….organizing staff breakfast, helping with the students’ first day, donating to our BEE Buck store, setting up our store and providing the man-power to open the store next week…. And finally kicking off the fundraiser, I cannot wait to be made into a human ice cream sundae. Thank you for all of your support.  Important events:  Curriculum Night (an informative parent night with the team of teachers) is approaching-  Grade 4 is on Thursday, September 6th at 6pm  Grade  5 is on September 13th at 6:00pm.  Please do not park at drug store or on Arlington St. Park at the church or at the school parking lot or at the shopping center on Brecksville Road.  Picture Day is September 25th. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Fundraiser - September 6 - 24, 2018   New - Chess Club 9/19 free intro class  Elementary Tailgate Night 9/7 Grade 4 Curriculum Night, 9/6 @6pm   Grade 5 Curriculum Night, 913 @6pm  First Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 9/7  Girls BEE Fit sold out!!  Will be starting soon  Working with guidance counselors to implement a social/emotional curriculum - starting with some professional development  PBIS - $1400 in donations already, first store will be 9/12  Planning on multiple assemblies to encourage positive thinking/emotional support for students  Membership - |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Welcome back…  We greeted a total of 309 students on Monday, August 20…75 kindergarten students (three full day sections and one half day section), 82 first grade students, 80 second grade students, and 72 third grade students.  We welcomed a number of new families to our New Family Gathering which was held on August 15. It was great to meet all of our new families and provide them with the opportunity to tour the building and answer questions that they had!  We had several changes in staffing at Chippewa this year.  \* Emily Koziol will be in a kindergarten classroom this year. She is the LTS for Brittany Bianco who is on parental leave. Emily is a familiar face at Chippewa School as she has completed several subbing positions and has been working with small groups and individual students in providing intervention in Reading.  \* Bri Lantz will be teaching second grade this year. She comes to us from Kent, Ohio. She has several years of experience in Title 1 Intervention work.  \* Tracey Salyers will be our Wilson Reading program tutor this year. She has replaced Mrs. Diane Spann who retired at the end of last year.  \* Kristin Arko is not new to Chippewa School…but she is new to first grade this year. We are excited to have her join the first grade team of literacy experts!  \* Sarah Amick will be our Speech/Language therapist this year. Sara comes to us from Hilton!  \* Jennifer Zlojutro was hired to replace Mrs. Denise Stease this year. She is an Education Assistant who assist in the office and with recess monitoring.  \* Julie Luber and Deb Schweiler have joined us as Special Education Assistants this year. They have worked in our district for many year!  Professional development for Chippewa staff during the teacher work days included a review of the Ready Math program. Ready Math is the program that was newly adopted this year to replace My Math.  Classroom visits have been completed to share with all students our building wide expectations. Our citizenship video was shared through a building wide assembly last week where all children were introduced to the building expectations, posters, and voice level ratings. Children are expected to “Bee Their Best” every day to insure that we have a positive learning environment for all! Our “Bee Your Best” building wide behavior incentive plan will continue to be in place again this year. Students are recognized each month for being their best!  Universal screeners are being administered to all students in both Reading and Math through iReady. This will give teachers data to assist in planning instructional lessons, as well as to guide them in enrichment and intervention plans to meet the needs of all students in their classrooms.  Thanks, to the PSO for organizing the “Popsicles on the Playground” this year. This event will be held on the Chippewa playground on Wednesday, September 12 and will be a great way to renew old friendships and to establish new friendships as well. Families will surely enjoy the time with friends.  A few quick reminders…  September 21…Picture Day |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | The Chippewa PSO has brought back our weekly newsletter, which was discontinued during the 2017-18 academic year. A HUGE Thank You to Kerry & Denise for taking the time to train us on Constant Contact.  Our Membership, Volunteer, and Spirit wear drives, which were kicked off with our Meet & Greet programs the week before school started, are going strong.  Our Teacher Start Up Fund which reimburses each teacher $150 to help contribute to the start up supplies needed in the classroom, also is underway.  Our 1st day of school Welcome Back Breakfast for Chippewa's staff of 35 was a smashing success!  A shout out to our 1st VP Randi Borosh who decorated our LOVE4BBH Welcome Back Ice Cream Social tent with photos of every Chippewa student flying around like little Bees. It was adorable!  Our Popsicles on the Playground event scheduled for 9/5 is being rescheduled.  The Chippewa PSO "Bee Proud" Fundraiser is getting ready to kick off 9/10 through 9/14.  Our first General PSO meeting is 9/18 at 9:30am. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | We opened Highland Drive with 297 students and a great deal of heat and humidity.  But, regardless of the conditions, I believe that the kids and the staff were thrilled to be back together and we have had a really great opening of the school year.  We are continuing to work on the social and emotional learning of our students. Introduced Star Wars Yoga. New Calming Boxes through a grant which have squeeze balls and other items in there for students to use to calm themselves.  Working on growth mindset and inquiry mindset.  The Love Fest was well attended by our kids and parents and I know they all want to be noticed and loved. This is something we promise to all the children in the building and add to this--safety. Every child must feel as though they are coming to a place of calm and a place where their voices are all heard.  We have the first of many really exciting days for the kids this coming Friday (9/7). The cheerleaders, football players and band members are coming to regale the children with their PEP RALLY at 2:45.We will then segue to the middle school parking lot for the annual TAILGATING PARTY at 5:30.I'm hoping to see our families join together in cheering the Bees on to victory.  Picture Day is on Wednesday, September 19  Our annual No Fuss Fundraiser will kick-off on Friday, September 28.  Spirit Week will be the first week of October. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | No report. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Hilton Elementary welcomes 322 k-3 students and 61 preschool students for a total of 383 students.  After 8 years at Central and two years at Chippewa, I am very pleased to be back with my “littles” here at Hilton. There is so much joy and wonder and innocence to be had every day.  Our teachers are well under way with the business of teaching our students. We have administered our beginning of the year diagnostics such as KRA and iReady. This data gives us a snapshot of where our students are at the start of the year academically and helps our teachers to get on track quickly and adjust their instruction to best fit the needs of our students. Teachers also working in teams with special education coaches.  Box Top Contest coming with Hartland’s team versus Martin’s team in basketball.  The Welcome Back Picnic was wonderful.  Hilton also using PBIS.  Katy Kiss is new pre-school teacher. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | Just a couple brief updates from Hilton:  1.  Re-cap of our Welcome Back Party  2.  Reminder about Elementary Tailgate Night  3.  Upcoming activities:  Science DZ, Trunk-or-Treat |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | The Brecksville Broadview Heights School’s Foundation would like to welcome all new and returning faculty,  students, and families for the 2018-2019 school year!  For those of you who may not be familiar with the Foundation, it is a non-  profit charitable organization established to support the students and faculty of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights City School District, by offering enhanced  classroom experiences, expanding student recognition of achievement, and encouraging teacher creativity in the classroom with special programs and enrichment grants.  At the annual Sip & Support event, held this past February at the Boston Township Hall in Peninsula, the Foundation raised just under $19,000.00 to contribute toward teacher grants to enhance the learning opportunities in their classrooms.  Prior to graduation, 52 students received $30,700 in scholarships to support their continued pursuit of education.  Just recently at the District’s Convocation, $16,392.64  was awarded to 11 grant applications in the following areas:  • Gina Symsek: Student Strong: All schools  An on-site collaborative program will engage students, teachers, counselors and staff in a research based social emotional learning (SEL) mental health program.  •Ryan Goubeaux, Craig Kowatch, and Ashley Rowland: 3D Scanning and Design: High  School  The 3D scanner will engage students in rapid prototyping and 3D design including  engineering, robotics, CAD, an  d art (sculpture). The scanner will be available to all departments  for interdisciplinary projects and learning.  •Ryan Goubeaux, Craig Kowatch, and Ashley Rowland: Fab Lab: High School  The Fab Lab will  inspire and facilitate student design development by providing access to technology (3D printers, laser engravers, scanners, etc.) and materials.  •Gina Symsek: Communication and Social Activities Club: Middle School/High School (Alex P. Karthan Grant)  Students with disabilities will participate in social and leisure activities with their peers in order to facilitate positive social interactions.  •Christy Gilley, Michael Battista, and Debbie Dolovacky: CPM Cooperative Learning Groups Reward Program: Middle School  The CPM program aims to deepen student understanding and retention of mathematical concepts through cooperative groups, problem based learning, and mixed space practice integrated with a rewards program.  •Kim Taylor, Dawn Corrigan, Ryan Logan: Friendsgiving and Cinco de Mayo Time Fiesta:  Middle  School (Alex P. Karthan Grant)  Special education students will participate in cross-curricular learning and social interactions with peers, family and staff through holiday inspired events.  *•*Dena Wilson: Loving Literature Circles: Middle School  Students will select, read, analyze and discuss books in literature circle groups and use persuasive presentations to “sell” their books to the class.  •Ryan MacRaild: Put the “T” in STEM!: Middle School  Students will code and program technological accessories such as gyroscopes and sensors in the Raspberry Pi lab to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills.  Jennifer Lloyd: From Literature to Comics: Middle School  Even the most reluctant readers will be encouraged to showcase their reading skills and talents by creating graphic novels, comics, digital and multimodal texts.  •Stephanie Knodel, Tonya Pagel, Beth Blaustein, Kelly Allar, and Katie Surlip: We CAN  Create: Hilton  Students will practice the C’s of 21st century learning Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication and Collaboration through Makerspace activities (Creativity Can) and  reading on creativity and perseverance.  •Beth Adams: I Document, You Document, We All Learn Together: Highland Drive  A document camera will bring learning to life allowing all students (even those not in class) to see and experience lesson manipulatives.  As we work closely with the BBHCSD to strategically support enhanced educational opportunities for our students, we welcome and rely on your support to help us create these experiences! Please follow along with us this year on our Facebook page: Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation (@bbhsf)! Questions about the Foundation, or looking to get involved? Feel free to reach out to us at, (440)740-4785 or info@bbhsf.org |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | New Band Director – Mr. Rex. The transition is going well and he is doing a good job.  310 in band this year. One of the largest bands they have had.  Band performed the Star Spangled Banner at the Indians game over Labor Day Weekend.  Band participating in the North Royalton Band Festival on 9/15 at 7p.  Homecoming and Bon Fire at the end of the month.  Band participates in Amazon Smile for fundraising monies.  Bus drivers not allowing the students to bring water on the bus per state guidelines. This is causing the Boosters to bring water and 1,400 paper cups to the away games to give the band members needed water. Joelle is going to look into this policy to see what can be done.  Band will hold its annual Citrus Sale November with delivery in December.  October 26th will be their Trunk or Treat event. |
| **Orchestra Boosters-** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | The Vocal Music Department is continuing to grow and this year there are 152 students in the four high school choirs (compared to last years 113 students). The year started out strong with Music In Motion ready to perform during lunch periods at the high school Open House! Hopefully many of you got the chance to watch them perform.  Delia Brennan and Dylan Grosh-Hoy qualified in the top 10 out of 100’s of local students to compete at Shining Star singing competition at Playhouse Square on October 7th.  Ashley Rowland painted a beautiful mural in the h.s. choir room of a whale. Supposedly the only mammal that sings.  Our first concert of the year is Thursday October 18th at 7:00. We will once again be hosting a Show Choir festival on Tuesday Nov 20th. This is open to the community and it is a very entertaining event where you can see 4-5 different show choirs perform. This Spring the choir and orchestra are going to Boston! There will be many fundraisers this year to help students defray the cost of the trip which is just over $800.00.  The first fundraiser was the mattress sale on Saturday Aug 4th.  Coming up quickly is the Color Run fundraiser. This is on Saturday September 22 and is a family event. It’s a 5K untimed walk/run. It’s called a Color Run because the runners wear white, and people toss colored paint/chalk at them as they run by, and at the end of the race they are very colorful! All the proceeds go directly to help fund the trip! We will also be having our annual  We will hold a Mum fundraiser in the fall and the Poinsettias fundraiser (with the orchestra) in December.  And just a heads up that our annual Ticket to Broadway fundraiser has been moved this year from February to January 25th -26th due to scheduling conflicts. |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | No new business. |
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