



Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2012

PSO Council President, Lila Tamulewicz, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 38 people in attendance.

Welcome	Welcome back to the Administration and staff who have worked hard this summer to make sure that the schools and the classrooms were ready and welcoming for our kiddies. Most importantly, welcome back to our families and students. Please try to keep your reports down to 3 minutes.								
OFFICERS									
1st Vice President Laura Jonozzo	Laura expressed thanks to the PSO Council Delegates for helping at the back to school convocation and reminded them that they are the liaisons for the district/schools.								
2nd Vice President Megan Sarfi	Yuletide for hunger is kicking off soon.								
Recording Secretary Julie Lyden	Thank you to those of you who have emailed me your meeting notes. If you have not already done so, please email those to me today. The attendance sheet is being passed around; please sign in.								
Corresponding Secretary Ann Marie Williams	All calendars were delivered promptly this year. If you have something to share with the whole district, email Lila or Ann Marie and they will do that.								
Treasurer Kathy Mook	Forms for reimbursement were distributed. Presidents of PSO Units can view Western Reserve bank reports online <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Brecksville-Broadview Heights Council of PSO's Treasurer's Report September 6, 2012</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Balance as of August 1, 2012</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,352.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deposits</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disbursements</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance as of August 30, 2012</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$7,353.74</td> </tr> </table> </div>	Balance as of August 1, 2012	\$7,352.79	Deposits	\$.95	Disbursements	\$.00	Balance as of August 30, 2012	\$7,353.74
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President Lila Tamulewicz	Thank you to Laura Jonozzo and the PSO Council Reps for hosting the Back to School Breakfast before Convocation. Thank you to Cindy Ring, Nuvia Martin, Julie Lyden, Marianne Jones, Laura Redinger, Julie Guardado, Dacia Pitzer, Niki Ganley, and Megan Sarfi for helping out at the Staff Picnic last Friday. Any corrections to the Blue book need to be reported by Sept 15. All PSOs will have a web site this year. Will be continuing to communicate through Constant Contact. Lila installed Megan Sarfi as 2 nd Vice President (this wasn't done at the end of last year)								
BOARD OF EDUCATION Michael Ziegler	Mike is glad we are back at school.								
GUEST SPEAKER									

Lou Carouse City Council Partnership for a Healthy Community	<p>Lou passed out a synopsis of the history of the partnership. It began in 1999. The word of the month is the most notable common thread. It has a lot to do with character education. City, school, and churches are involved. Started working with CAPA about a year ago.</p> <p>The partnership is about conversation.</p> <p>September's word of the month is discipline.</p> <p>The next meeting is Sept. 20 at 7:30pm at the BOE Conference Room.</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF	
Superintendent Scot Prebles	<p>Scot attends the Partnership for a Healthy Community meetings and reiterates that it is a worthwhile thing to do and encourages others to attend.</p> <p>Thanks to the PSO for the convocation and last Friday's cookout.</p> <p>Thanks to Mike Ziegler for his hard work to come to the contract agreement.</p> <p>New negotiated contract highlights: (you can see the whole thing on the website)</p> <p>1) Compensation: 3 yr term: our teachers will receive no increases for the next 3 years in the base salary. (they still can get additional educational dollars); 2) Health care: From 10% to 15% contribution on the cost of the plan. If they have an employed spouse outside of the school district, then that spouse has to use his/her own health plan – this is a significant savings to the district. 3) 8 hour day: moved to an 8 hour day for the teachers. This provides them more opportunity for planning and collaboration. (This is tier one of high capacity education and will help make our students more competitive) 3) No changes in special education 4) This contract can extend into a 4th year. If there is some significant event in this 3 yr time that maintains the balance and running without a deficit, the board can certify the contract into a fourth year</p> <p>Scot is now working with the Board of Education about the future, especially to increase the value position of our school district in the community. They are working on a strategic management plan, a 5-year vision of our school district. The first meeting is Sept 22 in an executive session with the Board. This will include defining the vision, the mission, what we value, and a plan.</p>
Director of Human Resources Rich Evans	<p>All new people in the district enter a mentoring program</p> <p>Still trying to fill some classified positions</p> <p>Now administering the new contracts/agreements</p> <p>Trying to generate a test to qualify for a secretary substitutes</p> <p>Waiver days were at the beginning of the school year this time. The teachers engaged in many activities those days</p>
Treasurer/CFO Rick Berdine	<p>No report</p>
Director of Business Services Larry Tomec	<p>No report</p>
Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Carla Calevich	<p>Carla stated it was good to be in school with an emphasis on the kids.</p> <p>Over 900 netbooks delivered this summer; so may new resources.</p> <p>Piloting 3 math programs by 40 teachers.</p> <p>We are working with 32 home schooled students</p> <p>40 new students for ESL assessment</p> <p>Benchmarking assessments Dibels – in elementary schools now; Transitioning to struggling readers on an ipad – to make it digital.</p> <p>Used ALEKS program, many students jumping in math program.</p> <p>District report cards delayed because of a scandal in the state. Preliminary reports look good.</p>
Coordinator of Community Relations Cathy Harbinak	<p>No report</p>
Director of Pupil Services Casey Spirakus	<p>No report</p>
CAPA Coordinator Kelly Lazar	<p>CAPA meets once a month; everyone is invited to join. The dates will be sent out by constant contact soon.</p> <p>Huddle Jr. got their training; they welcomed the 6th graders.</p>

	168 HS kids in Huddle- will be doing 5 lessons a year at all of the elementary schools.
PRINCIPALS AND PSO UNIT PRESIDENTS	
High School Joe Mueller Principal	<p>Open house is next week, Sept 12 at 7pm. Returned to nine 40 minutes periods at the HS. Still working on gifts and goals Visit the webpages. Progress book passwords were distributed 5 new teachers at the HS Everything we do at the HS centers on the focus on learning!</p>
Kathy Moock HS PSO	<p>I had the privilege of welcoming the Class of 2016 and their parents at Freshman Orientation.</p> <p>Our Membership Drive is underway! I would like to thank Mr. Mueller and the staff at the High School for including the HS PSO Membership Form in the mailing that went home to the students. Our mailbox is full of responses.</p> <p>As part of our Membership Drive, we are offering Bees Car Magnets and Bees Key Cabbies for an extra \$7.00. These magnets and key caddies are available for sale to anyone, so please let me know if you want one.</p> <p>We are working with the Middle School PSO on our second Night at the Races Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, November 17th at the Quality Inn in Richfield. More details will be coming!</p> <p>We need to work on our Gifts and Goals purchase for the High School. This will be a topic at our first PSO Meeting next week.</p> <p>Our first HS PSO meeting will be next Tuesday, September 11th at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at the High School.</p>
Middle School Pat Farrell Principal	<p><i>Let's Celebrate.....</i></p> <p>Once again our test scores were excellent. Our performance index went up for the third straight year to 108.3. We continue to move more students from the proficient range up to the accelerated or advanced range every year! To highlight a few scores: Grade 6 reading = 98.3% Grade 6 Math = 96.6% Grade 7 Reading = 94.4% Grade 7 Math = 92.7% Grade 8 Reading 95.6% Grade 8 Math 95.9% Congratulations to our science department as they earned a top 10 in the state of Ohio with a 93.2%!!!</p> <p>Here at the middle school we will continue to work together in our PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) to address the needs of all students while planning lessons that promote hands on learning, problem solving, and 21st century skills. We will continue to offer intervention and enrichment during our E/I period and many other times during the work day. We will analyze our test data, review best practices, and continue to look for areas to enhance or improve upon.</p> <p><i>Infosnap</i> Thanks to all of our parents who have filled out their required forms using Infosnap this year. Those of you who have not completed and submitted your forms I respectfully ask that you do so as soon as possible. We want to make sure all of our records are updated and current in the event that we need to make an important phone call home or get an announcement out about a change.</p> <p><i>Payments Online</i></p>

	<p>The district will be adopting an online payment option for school fees, pay to participate, etc. Please look for a button to appear on the district website in the very near future.</p> <p><i>Middle School Fundraiser</i> Due to a large decrease in FunStuff Coupon sales last year, we decided to try a new fundraiser that we believe has potential to make a larger profit for student scholarships for Outdoor Education and Washington DC.</p> <p>Java Joe’s Fundraising offers delicious gourmet style coffee, freshly roasted to your order, including specialty beverages and non-frozen cookie dough mixes. The fundraiser will begin on October 1st and continue through October 19th. Order distribution is planned for the week of November 12th.</p> <p>Students will be entered into a drawing for every 10 items sold. Prizes will include a variety of gift cards.</p> <p><i>Update on the Website</i> We are in the beginning stages of recreating/designing our middle school webpage. We would like to make it more user-friendly and organized by information and date. If you are not finding the information that you are looking for, please don’t hesitate to call the school building.</p> <p><i>SWC Leadership Conference</i> BBHMS will be participating in the first annual S.W. C. Leadership Conference. Representatives from all conference schools will be selected to attend based on strong leadership qualities on and off of the athletic fields. The main focus will be sportsmanship and what it means to represent your school in a positive manner. Student athletes will gain knowledge and insight on what it takes to be a good leader and how you can demonstrate that to your teammates and classmates. Lunch and a t-shirt will be included. The conference is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th at North Olmsted Middle School.</p> <p><i>Upcoming Dates:</i> MS Picture Day September 13 MS Book Fair September 18 - 20</p>
<p>Nuvia Martin, Jennifer Schneider MS PSO</p>	<p>On August 22, many PSO volunteers helped pass out information during the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade school visitation.</p> <p>The board has been in contact with people who have shown interest in directing and producing the play for the Middle School which has been moved to March.</p> <p>Our first PSO meeting will be September 13 at 9:30. We will vote on creating a website for the MS PSO so parents can have easy access to information and also to conserve paper and money.</p> <p>PSO membership drive is ongoing</p> <p>The High School and the Middle School will hold a “Night at the Races” fundraiser November 17 Please contact Megan Sarfi, Jennifer Schneider, Marianne Pilat and myself if you would like to contribute or if you would like to buy tickets.</p>
<p>Central School Chris Hartland Principal</p>	<p>Central school welcomes 592 students this year. That’s 304 4th graders and 288 5th graders. These students are divided among 11 homeroom teachers at each grade level. Teachers new to the building this year are Mrs. Simon in 4th grade and Mrs. Auble in 5th. Both come to us from the Middle School. We also have with us Mrs. Coffey who will be teaching special education this year. Mrs. Coffey is new to the district.</p> <p>Several building improvement projects occurred over the summer. Our 98 year old brick façade got a facelift with tuck pointing and caulking around the entire building. The building also received lighting upgrades throughout that will make us more energy efficient. Our computer labs received a much needed upgrade. The computers in those rooms were some of the oldest in the district. Finally, our PSO completed the</p>

	<p>Central North Campus project which included an outdoor classroom area and new fence in the front yard of the school.</p> <p>Central is piloting a number of new math curriculum programs this year. Depending on your child's team, they may be using Go Math, My Math, or enVision Math this school year. All are highly rated systems and at the conclusion of this year we will most likely adopt one as our new system for our school. We also are rolling out a new science program this year. 4th and 5th are using Pearson science. All these systems, science and math, have digital and online components and modern-up to date consumable textbooks.</p> <p>We look forward to a fun and successful New Year!</p>
<p>Beth Champion, Marianne Jones Central PSO</p>	<p>Meet the Teacher was well attended. We had tables set up for Fundraising and Membership. We used the LRC's iPads to do on-the spot sign-ups for the PSO. We have recently updated our website to include online membership and electronic volunteer forms.</p> <p>Participating in the Elementary Football Night with the other elementary schools this year. Looking forward to a joint family event for everyone in K-5 in the district</p> <p>We have started a Facebook Group. It is a closed group for Central School PSO Parents. We are already up to ~75 members since school started.</p> <p>Principal Hartland has started a Twitter feed. Parents seem really excited about it. The tweets are also shown on his Blog through the Centralschoolpso website</p> <p>Fundraiser will start on September 12 thru September 26 with Tri-C. Last year we raised over \$20,000 and this year we would like to do the same</p> <p>~Earn 50% on most items and 40% on food items</p>
<p>Chippewa Beverly Chambers Principal</p>	<p>Welcome back to all...</p> <p>We greeted a total of 321 students that morning.... 63 kindergarten students (involved with phase in over the course of the first three days of school), 77 first grade students, 96 second graders, and 85 third grade students...and one bird that flew into one of our first grade classrooms! I am not sure who was more surprised...the students...the teacher...or the bird!</p> <p>We welcomed approximately 40 families to our New Family Orientation which was held on August 23 in the library.</p> <p>Our Meet and Greet Night was a great success! Families stopped by to meet their teachers, drop off supplies, and see the classroom. Families also had a chance to do some "one stop shopping". Families could join the PSO, pay school fees, add money to cafeteria accounts, sign up for PSO volunteer opportunities, and buy spirit wear! We heard many positive comments about having a chance to take care of business that evening!</p> <p>There were several changes in staff at Chippewa School for this school year. Those joining the staff this fall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Galosi joined our first grade team. Lisa taught at Chippewa in the earlier days of her career and we are glad to have her return. • Janet Vucetic, formerly from the Middle School and Central, will be working with Denise Beach in a job share. These ladies work in one of our resource rooms. • Todd Wasil will be joined by Beth Blaustein in handling the Media Center duties this year. Beth is new to the district and comes with glowing reviews from previous employers! • Caryn Cody has joined our second grade teachers. Caryn left Hilton to join us this year. • Jill Moroney has returned to Chippewa in a job share position with Stephanie Roberts. Stephanie and Jill are teaching our kindergarten students this year. • We welcome Deb Vinciguerra to Chippewa. Deb is a special education assistant and comes to us from Central School <p>We celebrated our students' successes on last spring's Ohio Achievement Assessments in Math and Reading. Third grade students did very well in their efforts!</p>

	<p>They were well prepared. This continues to be a reflection of the commitment of the entire staff to insure that the students were well prepared for these assessments. Now the work begins to continue to strive for academic excellence for all students as we head through the 2012-2013 school year.</p> <p>Thanks to the PSO, the staff and students are enjoying many of the gifts purchased last spring through the profits of fundraising events. Gifts included: 12 iPads to be used by our Media Center and the third grade team, and a number of resources requested by teachers to enrich the classroom learning environment. Parent volunteers have already been active in the building...helping with head checks, in the lunchroom and on the playground, and assisting with the kindergarten transition to their classrooms! We couldn't do it without you!</p> <p>Dates to note: September 7-Welcome Back Picnic September 12-Chippewa PSO Meeting September 14-Picture Day, Chippewa September 14-Elementary Football Game at the High School and Elementary Tailgate Party</p>
<p>Julie Guardado, Laura Redinger Chippewa PSO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Chippewa is excited to work with the other elementary schools (including Central) on several combined activities. We hope that sharing activities will be fund for the groups and help share resources and alleviate volunteer burnout. * Chippewa is hosting its Back to School Social this Friday September 7, 2012 at 6pm. We will have inflatable slides and obstacle courses for the kids to enjoy. Snacks will also be provided. We hope to see many families there. * Elementary School night tailgate is September 14th at 5:30. Wear your spirit wear * Membership Drive is underway, currently we have 46 members that have joined * The first Chippewa PSO meeting is Wednesday September 12, 2012 at 9:30 in room 6.
<p>Highland Drive Eva O'Mara Principal</p>	<p>We opened the school with 344 students Highland opened its doors with: 65 kinders 90 First Graders 69 Second Graders 117 Third Graders</p> <p>Our new Secretary replacing the irreplaceable Suzanne Gorris, Karen Chalupa hit the ground running and hasn't looked back.</p> <p>Our summer cleaning crew did an outstanding job. We have new lighting We have new projectors for our SMART boards in the North hall We got every single kindergartener home safely on their first day of school</p>
<p>Sue Nall, Stella Skaljac Highland PSO</p>	<p>1. PSO Communications</p> <p>Goal – increase communication to our families through the use of our website and constant contact updates; implement paypal function; communicate more effectively with parents and increase PSO awareness and membership through electronic communication.</p> <p>Accomplishments – created a new board position to manage PSO communication; process established to provide information/updates electronically to our web provider; website has been updated with relevant information; weekly updates through constant contact have begun and will continue throughout the year; paypal function has been tested & will be sent out for our FallFest soon.</p> <p>What's next – continue to work on updating website and incorporating paypal as an option to pay for membership dues, fall festival, etc.</p>

	<p>2. PSO Involvement</p> <p>Goal – increase PSO parent involvement and membership.</p> <p>Accomplishments – 1st Annual Back to School Event was a huge success; will continue to alternate day and evening meetings; will continue to promote PSO programs, events, and activities through the website and weekly updates.</p> <p>What’s next – continue to brainstorm other ideas to promote volunteerism.</p> <p>3. PSO Fundraisers</p> <p>Fall Festival – Thursday, October 4th at Pinnacle Sports in Medina (5:30-9pm) – fun family night out, raffles/auctions, and “spirit” t-shirts on sale.</p> <p>Market Day – will continue to promote Market Day.</p> <p>All American Fundraiser – October 1st Kick-off – catalog sales of holiday and other such items (specialty foods, wrapping paper, gift bags, etc.).</p> <p>Pass the Hat – families can donate money towards PSO in conjunction with a “spirit week” (in November or December)</p> <p>Spring Walkathon – Saturday, April 27th with all other elementary schools.</p>
<p>Hilton David Martin Principal</p>	<p>I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our wonderful Hilton families, as well as those new to Hilton School this year! I’m usually a fairly high-energy person, but three days of seeing all the students smiling faces and observing their eager minds has gotten me even more pumped up about this school year! Is it possible to keep getting better and better each year? I always find myself saying at the end of each year, “Wow! That was one really great group of students!” In these first few days, I’ve said to myself, “Wow! This is a really SUPER bunch of students!”</p> <p>We have a number of new staff members. There are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten = Laura Travers • Second Grade = Carly Jean • Media Center = Beth Blaustein • Physical Education = Amy Mauceri • Reading Intevetion = Fran Eichelberger & Sharon Weisler • Food Service = Elizabeth Buelow <p>There have been a few big changes that have taken place over the summer. One is Hilton got a new roof! Another is four new video surveillance cameras. We also have a new color-coded room numbering system for improved safety and security. However, most importantly, we have a brand new PSO President, Dacia Pitzer! Dacia has agreed to begin our “New Playground” initiative. More details on this soon...</p> <p>We opened Hilton this year with following (large!) enrollment numbers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-school = 60...four classrooms • Kindergarten = 22 (ADK) • Kindergarten = 61 (Half-Week)...three classrooms • First Grade = 76...three classrooms • Second Grade = 75...three classrooms • Third Grade = 90...four classrooms <p style="text-align: center;">GRAND TOTAL = 384</p> <p>Hilton utilizes a school-wide PBS (<u>P</u>ositive <u>B</u>ehavior <u>S</u>upport) system. Our motto is “<i>Bee Responsible, Respectful and Ready to Learn.</i>” At Hilton, students earn Bee Bucks when they are “caught doing something good.” The system is largely based on the intrinsic reward of “doing something good.” The students seem to continue to respond to this. This year, Mr. Martin has walked around to each classroom with all the Bee Bucks (bound together like real money) that we earned last year. There is a school-wide contest to try and estimate how many Bee Bucks we earned. (Hint: It’s in the thousands!)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you are interested in reading my blog you can do so @</p>

	<p>http://staff.bbhcsc.org/martind/ Also, you can follow me on Twitter @Hilt_Martin. Don't have a Twitter account? No problem! Simply text "follow @Hilt_Martin" to 40404 and receive informational text messages from me.</p> <p>Finally, and most importantly, we've had outdoor recess everyday so far this year! Rain, rain, go away!</p>
Dacia Pitzer Hilton PSO	<p>Spirit week next week at Hilton. After school bowling starts this week October 11 Fun n Stuff fundraiser. PSO meeting next Tuesday at 9:30am Thank you to Rita Miller volunteer coordinator at Hilton Also thanks to the webmaster Ronda Strmac.</p>
COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES	
Megan Sarfi – Schools Foundation	Beach Ball has moved to March 9. A new fabulous auctioneer will be there.
Trish Oswald – Students in the Arts	No report
Kathy Derbin – Market Day	No report
Bonnie Rolf – Band Boosters	<p>The band loved playing at the Browns Stadium 2 major costs this year: some new uniforms and new bleachers - Ganley Drive for your school program: take a test drive and the band gets \$20. This year you have to go to their dealership. Sat Sept 15 from 9am to 5pm. Please encourage people to go. See the info on Flyer Central.</p>
Diane Fischer Athletic Boosters	<p>The Bee Athletic Booster organization encourages and supports participation in athletic activities throughout the BBH School System. We conduct a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year for the sole purpose of supporting our Middle School and High School athletic teams. Our two major fundraisers include the Superbowl Tailgate Party in the winter, and the Golf Outing at the end of summer. We would like to remind everyone that the BAB membership drive is open to anyone in the district. You can sign up through the High School website by choosing the Athletics> Boosters> Membership links. There are several levels of membership to choose from and includes admission to some or all home athletic events. Paypal is accepted for your convenience.</p> <p>Campus Updates: The Bees Athletic Boosters supported the purchase of new band and visitor stands at the stadium this summer, as well as the current renovations of baseball and softball facilities-- <i>USING NO TAX DOLLARS</i>. If you would like to contribute to the fields renovations, donations are being accepted online.</p> <p>BAB meetings are held the first Monday of each month during the school year in the High School Media Room.</p>
Maria Hearn - QUEST	Quest is an informational and networking group of parents of children with special needs in the district. If any families are interested in a parent support meeting please contact Maria at 44-717-1681 or by email jtmfh@yahoo.com .

The September 6, 2012 PSO Council Meeting was adjourned by Lila Tamulewicz at 11:18am.

Dates to Remember

- Sept 11 Market Day Pick-Up at the Middle School - 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Sept 14 Elementary Football Night
- Sept 24 BOE Meeting
- Sept 27 PSO President's Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- Sept 28 Homecoming Football Game
- Sept 29 Homecoming Dance