

## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**December 5, 2019**

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 Council Co-Presidents Khara Mack and Emily Woods called the meeting to order at 9:42 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Petra Laszlo** | Present.  No report. |
| **2nd Vice President- Christy Crouch** | Present.  Reminder that this is the last week for the Yuletide Hunger Drive. Salvation Army needs bell ringers. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Lauren Champ** | Present.  They are working on updating the email lists for constant contact. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Dawn Papadatos** | Not present.  Reminder to our PSO Presidents that the 1st installment for council dues was on November 30, 2019. So please make sure your Treasurer’s get those in if they have not already done so. |
| **Co-Presidents-**  **Khara Mack**  **Emily Woods** | Khara Mack present. Emily Woods not present.  Sorry about the meeting room confusion. We were not informed that we were removed from the Board of Ed. Meeting Room.  Happy Holidays and see you at our next meeting in February. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Present.  The District has hired a new Treasurer, Craig Yaniglos. Mr. Yaniglos started on February 1st. He will be moving to our District as he currently serves another District over an hour from here.  The Board received the GMP for the new elementary school. - $43 million.  The Brecksville Kawanis will be again doing their Santa by sleigh deliveries on Dec. 15th. Drop off your packages at least 3 days before and Santa will deliver them on the 15th. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Not present.  Superintendent Magyar is in Columbus for meetings. She wishes everyone a very happy holidays! |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **John Scott** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Business Services –**  **Chris Coad** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  K-5 ELA adoption process update:   * 15 teachers, 4 coaches, and 5 administrators met all day on November 13 to review eight ELA resources. * After a rigorous review utilizing a multi-criteria rubric, we narrowed our search down to three resources:  1. Collaborative Classroom (reading, writing & phonics)   2. Fountas & Pinnell (writing & phonics)  3. Units of Study (writing)   * Most importantly, this process has been led by values and beliefs such as providing choice in reading, cultivating engaged and motivated learners, instilling a love and joy of reading, providing access to high-quality literature, and affording authentic opportunities for reading and writing to all learners.   Administrators and counselors will be previewing a documentary filmed called LIKE. Similar to last year’s movie Angst, we will considering its appropriateness for viewing for students. There will be a viewing for the community. More to come…  From the *Like* website: LIKE is an IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the film is to inspire us to self-regulate. Social media is a tool, and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care … but is that what's really happening? Are you using technology or is technology using you?  District focus this year:  ~ Portrait of a Graduate  ~ Strategic Plan ~ Culture Playbook ( November focus is “Bee One Community” )  ~ Focus 3 |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Not present  No report  . |
| **Transportation-Heidi Means** | Present.  GPS is fully installed and running now for all bus routes.  Cameras are now installed on all route buses. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Present.  Update on all of CAPA’s recent activities and programs:   * Several lessons have occurred at the Middle School by the HS HUDDLE kids. * The high school has 4 girls groups (45 girls participating) that meet weekly. The program is wrapping up by the end of this year. * February focus is on Vaping. Dr. Vendra will give a presentation to 5th and 7th grade students. * March focus will be on marijuana.   Her staff consists of 1 full time, 1 part time and 4 CWRU interns who assist her with all of these programs.  Ms. Stopar runs HUDDLE, Jr. at the MS.  135 HS 9th graders currently in health class went downtown yesterday to see the 1 person play “Every Brilliant Thing.” This event was funded by a grant. Transportation was provided by the Transportation Dept. Lunch was provided.  SAAD Club – Honey Baked Ham Sale. 20% of proceeds benefit their programs.  Wellness Wednesdays are continuing at the high school. Next Wednesday they will have a Silent Disco during lunch period. Yoga in the gym.  Feb. 13th – will have a fundraiser “*What’s love got to do with it*” to help with the Rape Crisis Center’s Domestic Violence Program.  March 13th – Health and Wellness Fair.  Tobacco Grant – working with the tobacco vendors in our District to not gear advertising or sell to underage kids. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | Present.  **Focus on Bee the Future**  In the month of December, we are focusing on the “Bee the Future...Leave a Legacy” strand of the Culture Playbook.  Teachers will be sharing Bee the Future in their classrooms, there will be some announcements at the end of the month, and students exhibiting “Bee the Future” behaviors will be recognized throughout the month.  **Semester Exams Before Break**  Just a friendly reminder that our semester exams are the last three days of school before the holiday break.  We encourage students to spread out their studying, get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat a healthy breakfast throughout exams to maximize performance.  Our December 11th Colony Period will focus around exam preparation, which will include National Honor Society students sharing study strategies with freshmen.  Students are allowed to leave campus when they are not testing if they have turned in a signed permission slip.  **Holiday Concert Season!**   * Choir Concert - Thursday December 5th at 7:00 p.m. * Band Concert - Wednesday December 11th at 7:00 p.m. * Chamber Choir Madrigal Feast at St. Savas - Saturday December 14th at 6:00 p.m.   These are all excellent events to invite family, friends, and neighbors to see our amazingly talented students perform!,  **National Honor Society Induction**  On Friday, December 6th, BBHHS will host its 75th National Honor Society Induction, which recognizes students for their exemplary achievement in the four pillars of Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service.  Social Studies teacher, Mr. Dathan Cole has been invited to be the faculty speaker.  **Health Classes visited Playhouse Performance of *Every Brilliant Thing***  Our Health classes attended a performance of the play *Every Brilliant Thing* yesterday.  This uplifting solo performance touches on depression, mental illness, and suicide from a mother's perspective and takes us on a journey through grief, healing, falling in love, and (re)discovering all that life has to give.  **Last Two Days for the Car Raffle**  Ganley Chevrolet and the Chevy Network donated a 2019 Chevrolet Trax that will be raffled off at halftime of the December 6 Varsity Boys Basketball Game.  The car is currently parked next to the main drive of the high school heading up the hill. Tickets are $20 each and the money collected from the raffle will directly support BBHHS Athletics and Activities, |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Not present. Michelle Banks, HS PSO Secretary gave report.  The HS PSO No-fuss Fundraiser will begin December 16th and run through January. We will be focusing our fundraising efforts on raising money for a Zen Den and also funding the expansion of the Maker’s Room that Mr. Kovach is working on with students.  Blood drive January 24th at the high school from 7:15am – 2:30pm. A Sign Up Genius will be going out for volunteers to work in 1 hour shifts. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings**  **Brian Bedford,**  **Asst. Principal** | Present.  The month of December is a busy one that is sure to go by quick.  We have many Holiday musical concerts in store in the next three weeks.  Students have been practicing hard and tuning up and getting ready to spread the Joy with all.  They are excited to show everyone.  We concluded the month of November by having a day where students were in small groups with an adult and participated in activities.  Our final activity of the day was a Rock, Paper, Scissor tournament. As the students battled their way to the gym to see who would be school wide champion, the excitement and energy was great as students cheered for their representative from each group.  Our finals put Mr. Graver versus Johnny Cochran and Johnny was able to beat Mr. Grave in a best of five competition. Congratulations to Johnny.  We had three students, Will Roderick, Kael Voinovich and Lindsay Tayfel, who gave testimony to House Representatives and Senators in Columbus on the importance of the Health curriculum. Mrs. Schneider provided testimony and answered questions from the members.  Thanks to all who participated in the PSO Bee Lucky Raffle. We started drawing winners this week.  Our 8th grade social is Friday night December 4th from 3:15pm until 5:15pm.  Tickets on sale during 8th grade lunch period Thursday and Friday. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  The Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra performance was held 11/11/19 at the High School.   This was a truly talented and gifted group of young musicians!  The performance raised $6,400 from sponsors and ticket sales.  Attendance was not as high as we would have hoped - the first big snow of the season happened to fall on that evening.  However, we are happy with the outcome as a fundraiser to benefit the MS Auditorium.  We are grateful for the partnership with the Brecksville Kiwanis, especially Bill Rittman as the Kiwanis chair of the COYO event.  Thank you also to Fred Pederson, Petra Laszlo and our Auditorium committee for all of their contributions to the event.  We encourage anyone in the community who is interested in youth services to check out the Kiwanis organization.  They do a lot of good work in the area and are passionate about their mission which is:  "We are volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time."  The Bee Lucky Calendar Raffle is underway!  The raffle goes on until December 25th - sales are over, but now there are names drawn daily of the ticket sellers and buyers for prizes of gift cards and cash.  We raised approximately $11,000 on this fundraiser which will benefit PSO programs and the Middle School Auditorium.  The MS Spring Musical will be Honk, Jr. based on the story of the Ugly Duckling.  The performances will be held on March 21-20, 2020.  We are excited to work with a new director, Henry Foraker, and Julie Guardado is back as the PSO chair.  Auditions will be held early this year: December 16th from 6-9pm, December 17th from 6-7:30pm, and callbacks on December 17th.  More info in the coming months.  The 8th Grade social is scheduled for 12/6 from 3:15 - 5:15pm.  Tickets are $5 and the theme this year is "Let's Be Merry".  Lots of fun is planned - there will be a photo booth, DJ, scavenger hunt, prizes, food and an ugly sweater contest!  Hope to see many students there.  Next PSO meeting is 12/12 at 9:30am.  Julie Hairston from Infinity Counseling will be speaking to parents about empathy and conflict. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not present. Principal Toth gave the combined elementary schools’ report. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Lauren Champ present.  Box Tops doing very well. Have met half of their $1,000 goal already this year.  Holiday Shop is December 12th – December 13th.  December 17th is the PSO Holiday Breakfast Meeting. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not present. Principal Toth gave the combined elementary schools’ report. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Mary Green** | Present.  Instead of a PSO Meeting in December, the PSO will be having brunch at Simon’s on December 10th.  Holiday Shop coming up this month.  January 10th – Science DZ  January 24th – Family Bingo Night |
| **Highland**  **Principal**  **Colleen Toth** | Present. Principal Toth gave the combined elementary schools’ report.  The winter benchmarkings for K-5 students in Math and Reading through iReady are occurring and will be completed by December 20.  Data from the diagnostic will be reviewed and used to guide the teachers in the planning of lessons and for differentiating instruction to best meet the needs of the students.  Parent reports will be sent home with the January report cards.  Lots of Holiday Giving efforts have taken place over the course of the past few weeks.  This includes:   * Yuletide Hunger…students supported this annual community collection. * Other initiatives included:   the Leprechaun Foundation stocking project, sending holiday crafts to Chippewa Place, Holiday Giving program to support families in need. 3rd grade Smencil sales at Highland to be donated to 22q foundation.  Thanks to all for their generosity!     The Music in Motion student group from the High School will visit elementary schools this holiday season.  This is always a favorite program for both students and staff!  Holiday parties and holiday festivities will be held on December 20.  Thanks to the PSO…for organizing the Holiday Shoppe and book fairs for the students again this year.  The children will be able to purchase holiday items for family and friends at low costs! A great deal for the children to get all of their holiday shopping completed!  Students were recognized at all elementary buildings for “beeing their best”.  Students continue to work to also “bee one community”.  Thanks to PSO for brining so many cultural events and assemblies to our schools.  Highland Drive was excited to have Chef Rocco Whalen to share his expertise and love for cooking with our 2 and 4th graders .  From the entire BBH elementary staff…we want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season ...and the best for 2020! |
| **Highland PSO**  **Shannon Latek**  **Sarah Schulz**  **Sawsan Ganczak** | Shannon Latek gave report.  December 12th is the 3rd grade Open House.  Holiday Shop coming up this month.  Warm Hands – Warm Hearts program will run through January.  Gifts & Goals Committee has met and is now working on purchasing teacher request items. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Janelle Henning / Petra Laszlo** | Petra Laszlo gave report.  Reminder – Feb. 13th is the Sip n Support. The Foundation’s main fundraiser for the year.  Tickets remain at $40 each. You will be able to once again purchase tickets on-line as well as participate in the silent auction on-line. |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present.  Citrus delivery is noon to 2:30 pm on Saturday, Dec. 7th. This year we have over 600 boxes of fruit (up from 350 last year!!)  On this coming Wednesday we will have our Holiday concert. Before the concert we will sell holiday ornaments, Disney raffle tickets to earn a 1/2 of a Disney trip, $10 for one ticket, 3 for $25; and tickets for the Concert Wind  and Wind Ensemble Severance Hall performance coming on Jan 26th $10 each.  On Thursday we will have our Concert Winds partnering with the middle school band for their Holiday concert. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present.  No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Bevan** | Present.  The annual Show Choir Festival was a huge success!! The schools that  performed were Hudson, North Royalton, and two groups from ETC that were  amazing! It was a very entertaining show and was very well attended!  Our Winter choir concert is tonight at 7 pm in the HS auditorium. This is a free event and is a great way to start the holiday season!  We are very excited to announce that the Chamber Choir is having their  inaugural Madrigal Dinner on Saturday Dec 14th at 5:30 at St Sava Event  Hall on Wallings Rd in Broadview Hts. Join us as we transport back to  Medieval and Renaissance Old England, and feast upon a family-style  dinner while being entertained by our BBH Chamber Choir who will be  dressed in their best Medieval costumes!!  Tickets are $36 each and can  be purchased on line at [www.purplepass.com/bbhmadrigal](http://www.purplepass.com/bbhmadrigal)  Tickets will be on sale through December 8th. We hope to see you there!!  Lastly, save the date for our annual Ticket to Broadway Music in Motion  fund raiser which is Saturday January 25th at 7 pm! |
| **Athletic Boosters –**  **Karen Bazan** | Not present. Report given by Michelle Banks, PSO Council Recording Secretary.  1) Fall concessions went very well. We are well underway with all of our winter sports and winter concessions.  2) Reminder that the BBHHS Athletic Department is currently holding a car raffle for a 2019 Chevy Trax courtesy of Ganley Chevrolet and the Chevy Network. The tickets are $20 and are available through tomorrow. The drawing will be Friday night, 12/6, at half time of the Boys Varsity Basketball game vs. Stow. You can go to beesboosters.org to buy your raffle tickets.  3) An allocation request from the bowling team for $750 to go towards lane fees was approved.  4) The BAB Athlete of the Week program will start this winter and will be displayed on the BAB website and at the high school.  5) Chipotle Fundraiser - Support the BEES High School Softball Team by going to Chipotle on Tuesday, December 17th from 5-9pm. GO BEES!  6) Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7th at 7:00 in the high school media center classroom. |
| **New Business** | None. |