## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**February 7, 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 President Phil Shipman called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present.  We are in the process of putting together a slate for next year's officers.  If you are a council delegate, please stay after this meeting for no longer than 5 minutes to discuss. Thank you! |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Present. No report. |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Not present. No report.  Recording Secretary reminded everyone that if they have anything for the newsletter to email it to Gloria Joseph by the last day of the month. Newsletter is published on the first of the month. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Present. Treasurer’s Reports given.  Cash at beginning of period 11/1/2018 14,502.29 (a)  Deposits (b)  Total Deposits  Disbursements (c)  December 2018 QuickBooks Online 140.00  January 2019 QuickBooks Online 140.00  Hryshko CPA – Federal Tax and 1099 filing 600.00  Treasurer Sate of Ohio – Annual Charitable Reg. 100.00  Total Disbursements (980.00)  Cash at end of period 2/6/2019 13,522.29 (d) |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Present.  PSO Thank You Brunch is set for 4/25/19 at 9:30am at the High School Media Center. RSVP to Jean Kulik at kulikj@bbhcsd.org. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Not present. No report. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Present.  The start times for the high school and the elementary schools for next year are being discussed with the teachers and bus drivers. Both unions would have to agree because the instructional time for some teachers would go from 6.25 hours to 7.00 hours. It has to be approved because the buses could not get to the schools on time without the adjusted times. If approved, the high school would start a little later and the elementary schools would start a little earlier.  The Strategic Plan Committee meeting went well.  Meeting with the Architects and Shook Construction took place this morning. The project is on schedule. Decisions regarding floor plan, fixtures in classrooms, etc. all under review. The plan will be presented to the Board of Ed. on 2/27/19 at 7pm and then will be released to the public. The meeting will be held in the Media Center of the high school. Mayors from both Brecksville and BH are invited.  The Calendar Committee is meeting on 2/20 regarding the 20-21 school year calendar. The calendar will be out the end of March.  Take Back the Night will take place on Monday, March 11th. There will be no homework for students district wide and no after school activities. |
| **Director of Human Resources-**  **Brian Wycuff** | Not present. No report. |
| **Treasurer/CFO-**  **Jeff Hall** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Curriculum and Instruction-**  **Dave Martin** | Present.  Angst Movie – Independent film dealing with Anxiety – we need some volunteers to hand out index cards and golf pencils for the community showing on 2/13 at 6:30p at the high school. This will be an approximately 56 minute movie.  The Middle School will see the movie on 2/12. The movie is designed for grades 6 - 12. Not appropriate for the younger grades do to some of the language in the film.  At the semester, grades 1-5 officially went “green” with report cards. Preschool and kindergarten are scheduled to go green in the third quarter (for kindergarten) and at the end of the year (for preschool).  Planning is underway for the two upcoming professional development days (March 21 & 22). Some activities will include A.L.I.C.E. training for the three elementary buildings (Hilton, Highland, Chippewa), ongoing Ready Math training (K-5), and PAX training for all Central School teachers (grades 4-5).  Additional PAX trainings have opened up and more teachers are getting trained (for free).  Instructional Coach Scott Kinkoph is currently doing a book study with 40 staff members pk-12 focusing on social-emotional learning. The book is Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies for Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom (by Kristin Souers and Pete Hall…authors are a mental health therapist and veteran principal). The book gives strategies on the following:  Understand what trauma is and how it hinders the learning, motivation, and success of all students in the classroom.  Build strong relationships and create a safe space to enable students to learn at high levels.  Adopt a strengths-based approach that leads teachers to recalibrate how they view destructive student behaviors and to perceive what students need to break negative cycles.  Head off frustration and burnout with essential self-care techniques that will help you and your students flourish. |
| **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** | Present.  **Scheduling Timeline and New Courses**  Students have turned in their scheduling sheets for the 2019-20 school year.  Our school counseling team now responds to requests for meetings and checks to make sure students’ graduation requirements are being fulfilled.  Internally, we make decisions about what classes run based on enrollment and work to build a master schedule that meets the needs of the highest number of students.  We will be sending schedule verifications home to families later in the process to confirm what courses students’ schedules will include next year. We are excited to be expanding our College Credit Plus offerings on campus through a new partnership with Tri-C, which will include Calculus 3, College Algebra, and Organic Chemistry.  We are adding the second part of the AP Capstone program, which is AP Research. Our Technology Ed. Dept. is also adding Robotics 2, a Design Team course, and a Drone Technology course for next school year.  **Spirit Week and SnowBall Winter Formal Dance**  This week is our winter sports spirit week, which was planned between HUDDLE and Student Council.  HUDDLE coordinated Spirit Week themes and is hosting the dance on Saturday. Tickets are $10 in advance $20 at the door. Student Council is planning the Pep Rally on Friday.  **Love is in the Air!**  TRI-M is fundraising with their annual Singing Grams where you can purchase a song to be sung throughout the day on Valentine’s Day.  SADD Club is also selling roses and chocolates that will be delivered on February 14th, which is their annual fundraiser.  **Improbable Players**  CAPA is sponsoring two performances (9th and 10th/11th and 12th) by the Improbable Players during assemblies on February 19th .  The skits address prevention of drugs and alcohol use, addiction, and the opioid epidemic.  **March 6th SAT Testing and College/Career Readiness Day**  All juniors will take a state funded SAT and sophomores will take a PreACT on March 6th. While our 10th and 11th graders will be testing, we will have sessions for our 9th and 12th graders on a variety of college and career planning topics including Naviance, connecting PSAT results to Khan Academy for test prep, Fresh mentoring with NHS students, transitioning to college (for seniors), personal finance (for seniors: paying for college, credit ratings, and debt management).  “Freebees” will take place 3/21 – 3/22 – businesses will be offering free items to the community. Need student volunteers from 1 – 4p to pass the freebees items out. This is Professional Development Days for staff. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Present.  No Fuss Fundraiser wrapped up. The PSO will purchase 3 new water fountains for the high school.  A fundraiser for the Senior After-Prom will be starting soon. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Not Present. Recording Secretary gave report.  It has been a busy and cold month.  We started our 2nd semester which meant new classes for some of our 7th and 8th graders.  Teachers and students are getting to know new faces and adjust to the different schedules.  Our musical Annie Jr. has started practicing and they are gearing up for the show days on March 16th and 17th at the middle school.  Our winter sports wrapped up this week with several teams that finished in the top four of their respective sport conferences.  Our 8th graders have met with the HS counselors about scheduling classes for high school.  8th graders should have turned in their scheduling worksheets to the middle school guidance office this week. The 6th and 7th graders will begin their scheduling process near the end of February and early March.  Thanks to our MS PSO who brought in Dr. Young to talk to our parents about bullying and harassment.  We finished our universal screener and are working with families and students with their individual needs if any. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | Present.  We hosted Dr. Amy Young last Thursday at the Middle School Auditorium.  She spoke on How to Identify, Stop and Prevent Bullying with a special emphasis on cyberbullying.  She was great.  At our last PSO meeting, we voted to officially create a separate committee that will spearhead a campaign to raise the money necessary to renovate the middle school auditorium which will be 50 years old in 2020.  The Middle School PSO agreed to earmark its fundraising efforts over the next three years for the auditorium as well as organize additional fundraising efforts to raise the approximately $150,000-200,000 needed.  Much much more to come in the future!  The middle school fundraiser will begin next week.  We are trying something new to the school - A Bee Lucky Raffle.  The students will be asked to sell $10.00 raffle tickets for the chance to win prizes every day in March.  A ticket will be drawn each day with a prize for the seller and the buyer - gift cards and Jackpot Fridays. Students who sell at least 5 tickets will be entered to win the Grand Prize of $500 cash generously donated by a local company.  The Middle School play is Annie Jr and is coming soon! Save the Date for March 16th at 7:00pm and March 17th at 2:00pm. Tickets will be $5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | Present. Gave joint elementary school report.  **WINTER RECESS**   * We make every effort to get the students outside during the winter, however, if the temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit (17 wind chill), it's indoor recess.  Please be sure that students are sent off each morning dressed for the weather. Labeling all clothing would be helpful as it is hard to believe how many coats, boots, gloves, etc. find their way to our Lost and Found.   **FIFTH GRADE IOWA TESTING**   * The second grade and fifth students have just completed the first round of testing by completing the IOWA test last week.   These tests assist in identifying students who may qualify for gifted/accelerated services for sixth grade.   **Student Council**   * Central School student council is sponsoring a Smencil Sale March. 5th -March 15 during lunch and recess periods.  All proceeds from the sale will be donated Lymphoma Society. * Student council is finishing up our “wear a pair, share a pair”.  Students are donting gloves, socks, and mittens to a homeless shelter.   **DARE**  .   * DARE for 5th graders at Central continues and will conclude in March.  Their presence and lessons began in September. Dare graduation is scheduled for March 19th at 9:45am in the MS auditorium.   **VALENTINE’S DAY**   * Valentine’s Day parties are scheduled for February 14.  Be on the lookout for more information about the specifics of party times and Valentine boxes and cards.   **PRESIDENTS’ DAY**   * Just a quick reminder that there is no school on Monday, February 19, to celebrate this holiday.   **PBIS**     * Central students continue to collect BeeBucks for being respectful, responsible, and ready to learn.  Students periodically cash them in at our mobile BeeBuck Store. Kudos to all the parent volunteers who help to make our PBIS program successful. * Mrs. Toth recognized over 35 students with a Principal's Award for Responsibility throughout the 2nd quarter.     **Garden Team**     * Garden Team is sponsoring an Arbor Day Poster Contest.  Winners will be announced in April. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Present.  **Science Club** – next mtg scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 7; Jill Bartolotta, Ohio Sea Grant Educator, will be visiting and bringing samples for kids to explore; hands on activities planned  **PBIS Bee Buck Store** – continues to be a huge success; instead of raffle baskets, PSO is partnering with school to promote an exciting big-ticket-item- Spring assembly featuring Rick Smith Jr.  **BoxTops** – top collecting classroom awarded with ice cream party; contemplating a second collection in March  **PSO Membership** – classroom with highest membership was awarded pizza party  **Elementary Movie Night** – great organization by collective PSO groups; crowd similar in size as years past  **Bowling Club** – newly organized and very popular  **Yearbook** – collecting photos and determining direction for cover-art (i.e. should it commemorate Central School in some way, or should we follow the artwork contest of years past?)  **Scholastic Book Fair** **and Art Show** – scheduled for last week of March  **Central PSO Dissolution** – discussions underway and steps outlined (i.e. 14 day notice for vote, majority must vote to dissolve; vote on distribution of remaining assets; closing of bank acct., etc.); discussion with District on end-of-year celebration for alumni and community; PSO to partner with school to have end-of-year celebration for students and staff |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | Not present. Joint report given by Principal Toth.  SECOND GRADE IOWA TESTING  \* Our second grade students have just completed the first round of testing by completing the IOWA test last week. Students will be taking the CogAT Ability Test in April. These tests assist in identifying students who may qualify for gifted/accelerated services in third grade.  AIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ASSESSMENT…GRADE 3  \* Parent reports from the fall administration of the AIR assessment in ELA were sent home in late January to all third grade families. Results from the test will be used to guide instruction in the classroom and to provide additional intervention support to students who did not meet the proficiency benchmarks. A before school intervention program began this week and will run through the week before the spring administration of the ELA assessment.  DARE  \* Officer Mark K., from the Brecksville Police Department, just completed 3 sessions of DARE classes with all of our students.  STUDENT COUNCIL INITIATIVE  \* Our Student Council, under the supervision of Mrs. Firestone, just organized a school wide initiative called “I LOVE Chippewa”. Students will be sharing messages on our front gym windows about why they “LOVE” Chippewa.  CHIPPEWA PLACE COMMUNITY CONNECTION  \* First grade students are creating Valentine’s crafts to send to the residents at Chippewa Place. Chippewa connects with Chippewa Place four times a year!  BEE YOUR BEST FOR JANUARY  \* 96% of our students were recognized for “Bee Your Best” in January. Students were treated to an extra “indoor recess” with their peers. We are proud of our students for their efforts!  PRINCIPAL’S SPOTLIGHT…SECOND QUARTER  \* We have just completed recognizing students for their efforts through the second quarter for the Principal’s Spotlight. Students are recognized for academic success or progress, for being a positive role model or leader in the classroom. The students received certificates for their efforts and had their pictures taken this week. Check out the new “Principal’s Spotlight” link on our website to see who was recognized for this past quarter.  VALENTINE’S DAY  \* Valentine’s Day parties are scheduled for February 14. Be on the lookout for more information about the specifics of party time and Valentine boxes and cards.  PRESIDENTS’ DAY  \* Just a quick reminder that there is no school on Monday, February 18, to celebrate this holiday.  SCIENCE DZ  \* Our Science DZ Day has been rescheduled for February 20. Thanks to the Chippewa PSO for organizing this hands on activity day for the students. It is always a favorite! |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | Present.  **The 2nd Grade Play**  The 2nd grade play is this Wednesday  **STEM News**  Our **SCIENCE DZ** has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 20th**.  The theme will be Cycles of Animals.  **After School Programs**  Our winter session of chess club begins January 22nd through March 26th.  Spanish Club starting 2/20/19.  **Yard Signs! $10**  We are selling Go Bees yard signs!!  If  interested please contact Emily Woods at emilywoods@live.com. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | Not Present. No report other than the combined elementary schools’ report given by Principal Toth. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | Present.  Parma Area Collaborative – school donated winter items.  COSI coming up 2/20. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | Not present. Joint report given by Principal Toth.  Hilton staff and students recently took part in World Read Aloud Day. Students took time to read a number of books aloud by themselves or view a host of celebrity guest readers who were kind enough to be videotaped reading their favorite books aloud. This exceptionally cool activity was spearheaded by our fabulous Media Specialist, Beth Blaustein.  Our first graders have produced wonderful videos with the help of Myles and the Crew to highlight their goals for the school year. Each class produced the video and our district video folks worked their magic to make them absolutely wonderful.  2nd Graders recently completed the IOWA Test of Basic Skills as part of the district’s universal screening for giftedness. Results will be back later in the year and will help us to determine gifted programming for grades 3 and beyond. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | Present.  1.  In January we held a ScienceDZ on rocks and minerals.  2.  Another January event was family movie night along with the other elementary schools.  3.  In February we host our community service night in conjunction with the Project Linus Organization.  We are also planning for our March events: bingo night and one of our biggest events of the year, book fair and art show. |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | Britt Wigman present.  TICKETS ARE ON SALE for Sip and Support our Students Thursday, February 21st 2019 at 7pm at the New Orleans Party Center in Brecksville. Join us for an evening of wine and beer tastings, food from local restaurants, our amazing online auction, and many games and prizes all benefiting the students and staff of BBHCSD. Tickets this year are $40 each. More information and ticket sales on our website. [www.bbhsf.org](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbhsf.org&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cfe08e6cf5fa54832594a08d68b13fe74%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636849315318418241&sdata=nTXFScjXIhLIuIlVjbolHzqIJrx4GFX92uu9lRmoitE%3D&reserved=0) |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | Present.  Band students have been busy. Performed with the Kent State Honor Band and the All State Band.  2/26 – the mid-winter concerts.  320 Marching Band Rain Coats to be replaced. Cost is $73 a coat so approximately $23,000 to replace all.  The old coats are being turned into blankets for the homeless.  The High School Jazz Band is still in need of two positions to be filled - a guitarist and a pianist.  Items are needed for the raffle baskets for the Pancake Breakfast.  The 2020 Marching Band - Disney Trip dates are 4/13/20 – 4/17/20. |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | Present.  Our Ticket to Broadway fund raiser was a huge success! We sold 323 tickets this year, compared to just over 250 tickets last year. Our students are extremely talented, and it was a great show! If you didn’t get to see the show this year, hopefully you can make it next year!!  Practices for the Spring Musical, Mama Mia, began this week. The show is April 5th and 6th, with a matinee on Thursday April 4th.  The mid winter HS choir concert is Thursday February 28th at 7pm in the HS auditorium.  Save the date for the 5th Annual Music in our Schools Pancake Breakfast on Saturday March 16 from 8 am – 1 pm in the HS cafeteria. There will be musical entertainment by students from each school as well as a gift basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets can be purchase at the door and are $10 for a large breakfast and $5 for a small breakfast! We hope to see you there! |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | Connie from the Brecksville Women’s Club came to speak about the upcoming 70th Year Platinum Scholarship Fundraiser featuring Fashions by Francesca’s. Takes place on Saturday, 4/6 at 10:30am at Carrie Cerino’s. $38 per person includes fashion show and lunch. There will be raffle baskets, silent auctions, door prizes. Monies raised go toward scholarships for BBH students. |