## Brecksville-Broadview Heights PSO Council Meeting Minutes

**November 1, 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 9:34am. The pledge of allegiance was said. The meeting was adjourned at.10.53am.

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| **Welcome** |  |
|  | **PSO COUNCIL OFFICERS** |
| **1st Vice President-**  **Denise Gawlik & Kerry Ely** | Present. No report. |
| **2nd Vice President- Jill Gerber** | Present. Discussion of the annual Yuletide Hunger Program.  **FOOD COLLECTION IN THE COMMUNITY**  **NOVEMBER 1ST – NOVEMBER 30TH**  EACH YEAR THE RESIDENTS OF BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW Heights provide food for our area’s needy families by participating in the Annual Yuletide Hunger Drive sponsored by the cities of Brecksville, Broadview Heights, Independence and Seven Hills. Each school has their own designated list on the next page recommended for students to use. Only students attending a school can bring in items to a school, other residents are asked to bring nonperishable food donations to their Human Services Departments. Because we have an increase of families in need, we have revised the collection list with more food items versus household items to ensure that each and every needy family will receive provisions for this special season and well into the new year.  In addition to the collection of food, area businesses, churches, service organizations and families generously donate clothing and toys to the Adopt-A-Family program as well as cash used to purchase perishable food that will also be distributed.  Volunteers will sort items and pack boxes December 3rd through the 8th. For volunteer information, please call Brecksville Human Services at 440-526-2499.  Remember to bring nonperishable food and other items! November 1st – November 30th |
| **Recording Secretary-**  **Michelle Banks** | Present. No report. |
| **Corresponding Secretary-**  **Gloria Joseph** | Present. No report. |
| **Treasurer-**  **Kim Policarpo** | Present. Treasurer’s Reports given.  Cash at beginning of period 09/29/2018 7,777.09 (a)  Deposits (b)  District Events - Central & Hilton payments - Love4BBH  Ice Cream Social 500.00  PSO Council Membership Dues 7,200.00  Amazon Smiles Income 5.20  Total Deposits 7,705.20  Disbursements (c)  October 2018 QuickBooks Online 140.00  Total Disbursements (140.00)  Cash at end of period 10/31/2018 15,342.29 (d) |
| **President-**  **Phillip Shipman** | Reminder that after 11/1, if you are not a member of the PSO, you will be blocked from the PSO Facebook page. |
| **Board of Education-**  **Fred Peterson** | Three issues the Board of Ed. is currently reviewing:   1. Tennis courts have a problem with drainage. Board looking at short (i.e. less expensive) and long term (i.e. more expensive) solutions. 2. The District has made over $100,000 in repairs to Central School. Board considering moving kids to another facility until the new K-5 building is built. 3. Board considering offering free all day-K when the new school is built. Need to consider now so that the building is built to handle the additional kindergartners that would be all day. |
| **Superintendent- Joelle Magyar** | Joelle drove around the city with the D.A.R.E. officer on Halloween night to pass out candy to the kids. She had a great time and is going to do it again next year.  Tonight (11/1) important meeting at the Middle School Media Center. Meet Shook Construction and get an update on the new building project.  TDA will also give update on building design. The buses will come in on a ¼ mile long driveway on Valley Parkway. Cars will come in off of Oaks Road. Cars and buses will not be coming into school in the same location so that kids and enter and exit buses safely without dodging the cars. |
| **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** | Successful fall 3rd Grade ELA testing last week! Results in December.  \* NEOSTREAM (Northeast Ohio Science Technology Recreation Engineering Arts Mathematics  \* Three day program – (we attended one day) Carl Harrison, district STEM Instructional Coach took six middle school students (two from each grade) to Cuyahoga Community College on Friday, October 26 from 8:30-1:30. Friday was the “student day” which included students “participating in hands-on, interactive activities and sessions designed to ignite and create awareness of diversity and opportunities in STREAM careers.”  \* A drumline welcomed students (200 students in total)!  \* Activities included the following:  o Programming and robotics  o Art / Science – making portraits speak  o EA sports – analytic from NFL combines  o DNA of a banana and a human  o CSI personnel from the state  \* Natural History Museum is coming to the Middle School to do a virtual paleontology presentation for all 8th graders tomorrow  \* Young Astronauts Day – 24 students, 6 form each building (K-5)  \* We are currently reviewing potential adaption materials for K-5 ELA, Middle and High School Science, and the High School Business Department.  \* PAX Training update – 10 more teachers are scheduled to be trained (plus one administrator) on November 12. |
| **Coordinator of Community Relations-**  **JC Power, Inc.** | Not present. No report. |
| **Director of Pupil Services-**  **Gina Symsek** | Report of District’s Mental Health Action Plan. Dr. Symsek gave a lengthy presentation regarding 25 years of research that supports SEL [Social Emotional Learning] curriculum implementation into the instructional day, positively impacts students’ academic performance. The idea being that if we assist students to learn self-calming/regulating strategies, we may be able to avert or reduce behaviors.  Effective SEL programs begin in pre-school and continue through high school. Social and emotional skills are critical to students being effective and schools can assist in preventing risky behaviors.  The District is working on plans that benefit the students, teachers and the parents/community.  PAX training is a part of this program and all teachers and staff in the district are being trained in PAX. |
| **CAPA Coordinator- Kelly Lazar** | Not present. No report. |
| **High School-**  **Steven Ast - Principal** | **Special Visits to our Music Department**  On Tuesday October 30th, a Brass Quintet from the President’s Own Marine Band performed and worked with members of our band.  Their director Ryan Nolin is the former BBHHS Band director. The Marine Band is currently on a 29 concerts in 30 days tour across the country and performed at Severance Hall the night before their visit.  The day before rising country music star Kalie Shorr performed and talked with a few of our choirs during a visit to the high school. She is currently on a tour to the CMAs where she is also spreading the message about the importance of music education.  Also, Dominic Farinacci, the Ambassador of Jazz met with the Jazz Band.  **Recent Professional Development**  A big thank you to our families for their support during our recent professional development days.  We were able to complete ALICE active shooter training with our local police departments on one of the days.  Our faculty also received training on the SAT suite of assessment resources, Khan academy, and supporting some of our higher risk students.  We realize the impact professional development days can have on families, thank you for giving us this opportunity to train.  **Outstanding Music Concerts**  Our band, choir, and orchestra all recently did a great job performing their fall concerts.  Our amazing holiday concerts are just around the corner, please invite family and neighbors to enjoy these with us.   * December 11th at 7:00 p.m. - Choir * December 12th at 7:00 p.m. - Orchestra * December 13th at 7:00 p.m. - Band   **Fall Play, Paragon Springs November 10th and 11th**  Join us as the talented BBHHS cast and crew perform Paragon Springs a play by Stephen Dietz based on Heinrik Isben’s An Enemy of the People.  Showtime is 7:00 p.m. both nights and presale tickets are $5 or $8 at the door available through PurplePass.com/ParagpnSprings.  **Robotics Tournament**  On November 10th and 11th the BBHHS Robotics Team is hosting a tournament in the main gym.  This is an impressive event as there are three arenas on the floor and all the robot action can be seen on big screens above the competition.  A.L.I.C.E. training is continuing at the high school with the help of the Police Department. |
| **HS PSO**  **Megan Sarfi** | Robotics’ tournament this past weekend. Two high school teams have already qualified for state competition.  **BBHHS PSO FaceBook Group** Reminders are being sent to members of the closed HS FB group regarding the new PSO Guidelines requiring them to be a member of the PSO to continue being a member of the FaceBook group.  The HS now has an online option for joining the PSO that we are providing for them to easily join.   I will begin deleting non-members after November 16th.  Since this requirement is new this year I'm giving members a few extra weeks to join. |
| **Middle School Principal- Todd Rings** | Not present. No report other than what he just sent out in Constant Contact to the families. |
| **MS PSO-**  **Denise Gawlik**  **Kerry Ely** | 6th Grade Social took place last Friday, October 26th after school from 3 – 5pm. Approximately 212 students attended the Halloween themed bash.  Next up for the Middle School PSO is the 7th Grade Social on Friday, November 16th. |
| **Central School Principal -**  **Colleen Toth** | * Central School -Successful quarter one!   Over 40 students were recognized for their respectful behavior.  They earned a principal’s recognition award and a phone call home.  Stop by the bulletin board by the main entrance to see the student’s pictures. * All buildings are taking part in a number of Professional Development initiatives.  We have begun training in the methods of Focus 3. Our Focus 3 initiative was designed by Tim and Brian Knight.  The primary philosophy is “The way you behave personally is what determines the culture of the district, the building, and the classroom.”  Teachers are working on improving their own 20 square feet of belief and behavior, which in turn will improve our building and district culture.  It takes a look at how our responses to an event can help to produce the outcomes we desire * Central Picture retakes - Nov. 2nd. * Central School Student Council has been meeting.  Mrs. Peters and Mr. Butler will be working on service projects with the students through the school year. They kicked off their letter writing campaign in honor of Veterans Day.  The entire school has been asked to take part in this letter writing activity as part of Operation Gratitude. |
| **Central PSO-Dan Foley & Khara Mack** | Catalog fundraiser just wrapped up. Net earnings $17,380. This is over $2,000 more than last year. This shows that their catalog fundraiser works and they shouldn’t change it. |
| **Chippewa Principal-**  **Beverly Chambers** | * Chippewa  “Bee Your Best” students were recognized at the end of October with a Bee treat!  Students earned certificates and names have been posted on the Bee Your Best bulletin board. * Principal’s Spotlight…We are working to recognize students for their efforts in the classrooms in the first quarter. We are proud of these students…they are the leaders of Chippewa School.  Students are recognized for academic success or improvement, being leaders in the classroom or role model, or being wonderful Chippewa citizens. The names of these students will be posted on the Chippewa web site. * Chippewa Picture Retakes are scheduled for November 9. * Please join us on Monday, November 12th at 6:30pm in our gymnasium to hear  Amy Young, Psy.D., speak & answer questions about How to Identify, Stop, & Prevent Bullying. Dr. Young is a licensed clinical psychologist at KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center who specializes in the neuropsychological assessment and treatment of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children. Dr. Young has spoken internationally to parents, teachers, and pediatricians on the topic of bullying. She completed her dissertation research on bullying and peer victimization in Guatemala and obtained her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College in Chicago, IL. Prior to joining KidsLink, Dr. Young was a psychologist in Developmental Medicine at Boston Children's Hospital and an instructor at Harvard Medical School, We hope to see you at this not-to-be-missed event! * Our Grades 1-3 Open House and Book Fair was held last week and was a huge success.  The families enjoyed visiting their children’s classrooms and see all of the work proudly displayed.  Our Book Fair was a big success with many families stocking up with reading materials and even shopping for their child’s classroom teacher.  Thanks to the PSO for organizing the Book Fair again this year. * Our third grade students completed the fall AIR English Language Arts assessment last week.  The scores will return to the district sometime around December. Data from the fall assessment will be used to guide classroom instruction and to provide intervention for those students who demonstrated weaknesses through the test. * Mr. Day is organizing our Halloween Candy Collection beginning today!  We are asking families to donate their surplus candy from this year’s Trick-or-Treating evening.  The candy will be donated to Veterans to enjoy! Our kindergarten classes are creating messages of thanks to the Veterans that will be included with the candy delivery. * Our third grade students are busy preparing for their musical performance, “Flakes”, scheduled on November 28 at the High School.   The students are already excited about presenting “A Holiday Moosical” to their family and friends that evening! * The Chippewa Student Council had their first meeting last week.  We are excited to have this group going again under the supervision of Mrs. Firestone, our building psychologist.  They will be working on several service projects through this year. Their first project was to create posters for the hallways encouraging our students to wash their hands.  They will also be sharing some songs and poems on our morning announcements. * iReady winter benchmarking is scheduled for December 3 through December 19.  Once completed we will be reviewing the scores to insure that our students are making progress in Reading and Math. * Chippewa Parent/teacher conference evenings are coming up on November 7 and November 15!  Teachers will be meeting with many parents over the course of those two evenings. Please remember…that any time you wish to meet with your child’s teachers simply contact the teacher and a mutually convenient meeting time will be set up.  Central School conference night is scheduled for Nov. 8th. * The Chippewa PSO is preparing for this year’s Holiday Shoppe.  Shopping days for the children will be on Thursday, December 13, and Friday, December 14.  Be on the lookout for more information to be coming home soon. |
| **Chippewa PSO-**  **Lauren Champ & Terri Ferricci** | On 10/26 Chippewa held a very successful Book Fair! Committee Chairs Nicole Kerns & Megan Haynes  beat their sales from last year by $155, got the PSO $1,000, and were able to earn $1,512.89 in Scholastic dollars, $344 of which were spent on teacher book requests on the night of the sale. The remainder of the scholastic dollars will be spent updating our library.  On 10/26 we brought local magician Ricky Smith Jr. to Chippewa for an assembly. Rick holds the Guinness book of World Records for card throwing. A wonderful time was had by all!  A successful PSO membership Drive ended this past Friday, and although we're sorting our overall numbers now, we can tell you that the class with the most PSO members (Miss Janko's!) is getting popsicles this Friday.  We kicked off a Box Top Contest today through 11/16!  Coming Up:  On Monday, Nov 12th Dr. Amy Young from KidsLink Neurobehavioral Center will be speaking on How to Identify, Stop, & Prevent Bullying. This discussion is open to all elementary school parents in our District.  Finally, we would like to thank those of you who have supported our meal Train for the Speziale family whose 3 year-old son August - a sibling of a Chippewa 1st Grader - was recently diagnosed with leukemia. The Chippewa PSO strongly believes in supporting our community, and the Speziale family is deeply appreciative. |
| **Highland Drive Principal-**  **Eva O’Mara** | * Thanks so much for all the help our wonderful volunteers gave to make our October 31 a huge success--AGAIN. * Thanks also to Sarah Beebe, Joanie MaCraild, Morgan Kolis and a host of others for making the dedication ceremony of the three Little Libraries so singularly special in honor of Sharon Wiesler. * Jim Basketball Jones was again powerfully inspirational in delivering his message of kindness and of using that wonderful brain we have all been given. The kids will never get tired of him. * Great Lakes Theater will be working with our third graders starting the week of November 5. * We have our kindergarten conferences on Thursday, Nov.8 and the following Thursday, November 15. * Grade 2&3 will be showing off their fabulousness on October 8 at 6:00pm * Grade 1 Open House is on November 15 * Our Thanksgiving break will start On November 21 * We come back to our Holiday concert practices as well as our Annual Third Grade Holiday Extravaganza at the high school on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00pm   On the subject of gratitude, Highland wishes to thank the PSO for their kindness, hard work and support. We could never accomplish what we do without the dedication of our volunteers. |
| **Highland PSO-**  **Sarah Beebe &**  **Sarah Schulz** | Their no-fuss fundraiser is almost 75% to their goal of $10,000.  Young Astronauts Day is this Saturday, 11/3  They dedicated the free library at Seneca in honor of reading specialist teacher, Sharon Wiesler , who passed away. |
| **Hilton Principal-**  **Chris Hartland** | * Hilton 3rd graders are rehearsing for their upcoming Winter Musical, Forty Winks ‘Til Christmas, a Holiday musical that will keep you awake!  The performance will be held at the Middle School at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 28. |
| **Hilton PSO-**  **Christy Crouch** | 1. In October the Hilton PSO hosted its second annual Trunk-or-Treat event.  28 families decorated their cars and passed out candy to approximately 200 trick-or-treaters.  Kids were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorations and the winner, a Harry Potter themed car, won a gift card to Target.  Families enjoyed food from Sassy Dog and the rain held off just long enough for everyone to have a wonderful time! 2. In November we will hold our first Family Science Night of the year and will also once again be participating in the Yuletide Food Drive.  Believe it or not, we have also started preparing for our Holiday Shop in December, as well as our annual PSO |
| **Schools Foundation-**  **Britt Wigman/Janelle Henning** | This year, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation is joining the #GivingTuesday movement. #GivingTuesday is a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Every dollar donated to the BBHSF between now and #GivingTuesday (November 27th 2018) will go towards classroom enrichment grants in our school district.  How can you help? Join the BBHSF Facebook page, and share our #GivingTuesday posts over the next few weeks with everyone you know. The more you spread the word about the Schoools Foundation, the more people all over will consider helping us "Support a Legacy of Fine Education" in BBHCSD on #GivingTuesday! [www.bbhsf.org](https://nam05.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bbhsf.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cc433ba7ad8aa4d0241a108d63e8a8142%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C636765161919950745&sdata=M%2FvjhLd%2BccoTBlLUwBKjTSFlE1ZKNYkIcR5jVzRygN4%3D&reserved=0)  SAVE THE DATE: Sip and Support Our Scholars 2019 Thursday, February 21st 2019 at New Orleans Party Center 7-10pm |
| **Band Boosters-**  **Michele Mihalich** | The Marching Bees had a busy October as they closed out their season with a pre-game reception and tribute to our Seniors during our last home game on October 19th.    Our annual indoor performance was held for a full crowd in the gym during Sounds of the Stadium on October 24th and students were greeted by a parking lot full of parents dressed up and decorated for Halloween after our last away game for our Trunk or Treat event on October 26th.  The Concert season is off to a great start with a pre- Halloween treat by Dominck Farinacci - a famous local jazz trumpeter- sharing improv tips with our Jazz Band.  Dominick was “discovered” in HS during his performance at Tri-C Jazz fest and was given the opportunity to attend Juilliard free of charge.   After 10 years living in NYC he has recently returned to CLE and we are thrilled he stopped in to spend time here.  On Wednesday, October 31st the band hosted guests from “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band.  Students from Concert Winds and Wind Ensemble were treated to a performance from a brass quintet and had the opportunity for Q&A with the Marine Band musicians.  Following the brass quintet performance, Wind Ensemble received a master class with Capt. Ryan Nowlin, Assistant Conductor and former BBHHS Director of Bands.     Capt. Ryan Nowlin occupies the same position as John Phillips Sousa once did -such an honor to have him return and spend time with our students.   We are fortunate to have such a strong band program in our schools.  Our annual Citrus Sale ends this Friday!    Place your orders with your favorite Band member OR online on our Band website.    Delivery will be on December 8th - just in time for the holidays! |
| **Orchestra Boosters- Michelle Goldthorp** | Not present. No report. |
| **Vocal Boosters- Kristen Beven** | Our first choir concert went very well and the 7th and 8th graders seemed to really enjoy singing with the high school students and also getting to see what choral opportunities are available for them when they reach high school.  The Side by Side Choir concert with Hudson HS at St Basil the Great was fabulous and very well attended. The choirs sang separately and then ended with a combined choir song that was just amazing. Next year the concert will be in Hudson at St Mary’s.  We are hosting our annual Show Choir Festival Tuesday Nov 20th at 7:00 in the HS auditorium. This is a very entertaining and family friendly event and a great way to start the Thanksgiving break! Tickets are $5 and we are going to offer BBH staff BOGO free again this year so we are hoping to see many of you there!  Our Holiday Concert is Tuesday Dec 11th at 7:00.  And just a reminder that our Ticket to Broadway fundraiser is the last weekend in January this year due to scheduling conflicts in February.  I also wanted to mention that the high school play is Nov 9th and Nov 10th at 7:00 pm in the HS auditorium. The play is Paragon Springs, and tickets are $5.00 and are available on line or at the door the night of the show. |
| **Athletic Boosters** | Not present. No report. |
| **New Business** | Kerry Ely brought up her disappointment in the decision by the Middle School Athletic Director, Joe Zenir, to have only one basketball team rather than 2 teams (A and B). It really limits the number of kids who will get to play on the Middle School team which will affect their chances at the high school level, as well. These kids have been playing on travel teams with the idea of two Middle School teams. |