

BHHS PTO General Meeting
October 21, 2019, 7-8:30pm

Attendance: Anna Barlow, Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Zarine Torrey, Viktoriya Strumban, Deborah Kolin, Paul Kolin, Ladan Lamee, Patti McCalmont, Laura Renton, Robyn Jenkins, Megan Johnston, Stephanie Gutowsky, Paula Lynn, Jessica Rankin, Fizza Humayun, Jim Smith, Jacob Kallivayalil, Kathryn Paulon, Sandeep Chada, Lisa Efros, Fawn Chayet

1. **Call to Order** – 7:07pm
 - Board Member Introductions
 - Get to Know Attendees / Why are you Here Today?
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes** (Zarine Torrey)
 - Approved: Megan Johnston / Paula Lynn
3. **Treasurer's Report** (Megan Johnston)
 - Approval Budget – approved
 - Membership Update – 502 families. We have 40% membership
4. **Principals Report** (Charlie Hollerith)
 - Homecoming – over 1200 students attended. Broke the record by 147 students
 - Black Hawk games and Hallway Decorating – Seniors won the loudest - 120.6 decibels
 - College Night – good turnout. College landscape has changed. Will discuss on a later date
5. **Presidents Report** (Anna Barlow and Catherine D)
 - Connect with the PTO – Evenings: Mondays at 7pm on January 13th and March 9th. Daytime: Mondays at 9:30am on November 11, February 10, April 20 and May 18th. Twitter (@BHHSPTO), Facebook (BHHS PTO), email: pto.bhhs@gmail.com, PTO cards
 - What we do – support activities at the high school. Picture Day: organize students and staff to expedite photo taking, Homecoming Dance: provide snacks for students and manage coat check, College Night: treats for college reps., Picture Retakers: ½ day. And much more!
 - PTO Grants – we give money back to the school for student enrichment (fund ideas that support student learning and or activities). Last year we gave \$6000. It can go to clubs and teachers. Due 10/28 for PTO review. Grants are up to \$1000 each. Teachers and club organizers will get an email with a link to apply. NA to Booster clubs. Executive PTO reviews and presents for approval at next PTO meeting – Monday November 11th.
 - Volunteer appreciation – we had 35+ volunteers at Homecoming, 44+ at College Night, and Picture retake 2. Thank you volunteers!
 - Progress Conferences 11/12-13 – we provide dinner one night and snacks next night for teachers. Registration on Charlie's broadcast and on Facebook

Committee Reports

a. **Make a Difference Day** (MADD) (Laura Silberman)

Going to Gleaners on 10/26 to sort and assemble. We are taking a bus (middle school and up from BHMS). Leaves at 8:45am and returns at 12:15pm. K-5 has to be supervised. Monetary donation and food collections welcome. Collection boxes are at each school. Signup on sign up genius to sort and assemble. Event is 9:30am – 11:30am.

b. **Multicultural Celebration** – District wide event celebrating different cultures. Monday, March 30th. You can represent your own culture, or any culture that you would like to explore. You can sign up online or paper copies will be available at school offices. A theme will be decided in November.

c. **BYA** (Paul Kolin)

We are sponsoring on 10/28 from 7-9pm. Topic: Vaping – what parents and teens need to know. There will be a panel discussion. To take place at BHHS (auditorium). Students 6th grade and older encouraged to attend. Real Talks - student run club that we are sponsoring. First meeting November 6th. All students are welcome. Will mirror round table thoughts from U Matter. Meetings are once a month. BYA will sponsor a counselor and administration to be present. BYA will also be rolling out recognition program. More information to come. Seeking volunteers for Mentors Plus – a program to support the child through an additional positive adult role model. Questions: 248-341-5680.

d. **Sports and Clubs Update** (Paul Kolin)

- Boys varsity tennis team won regionals and finished 7th in States. 3 boys made it to the state semi-finals
- Boys soccer made it to the District finals losing 1-0 in the finals to Clarkston
- Girls varsity volleyball won their league going undefeated in their league – playoffs start November 4th
- JV volleyball won the gold medal over the weekend at the Wayne State Invitational
- Equestrian went to Regionals
- Girls Varsity Cross Country went undefeated and won league title
- Girls varsity golf went to the State tournament and finished 9th in the state
- Robotics hosted a girls only robotics tournament which had 32 teams
- Forensics meeting tomorrow during advisory on the 23rd
- Boys football won 63-31 on Senior Night
- Girls Swim and Dive team won their first tri-meet on Senior Night

e. **Global Education Team** (GET) Anna Barlow

Unity day against Bullying. October 23rd, wear Orange Support Bullying Prevention. Laurie Renton (Reese's mom) went over the empathy and compassion. How we get the kids to be aware and be aware of you act? Global Education Team (Margaret) – students can be trained to be global champions. New program Dismantling Racism will be coming out. It's a 2 day training for parents and faculty. There is a meeting on November 7th, advanced workshop, to train 6th graders and in the Spring another workshop for 9-12 grade

to train. We look for concerns from students through talking, surveys, and incidents and look for ways that we can address them. GET team consists of administration, staff, and parents, who meet once a month to discuss school issues. GET has been established to make everyone feel included. Students who feel heard improves the atmosphere of the entire school.

- f. **Social Media update** (Paula Lynn)
BHHS PTO please join. To be a member 1. Have a child goes to BHHS and what year they are to join the page. If you want to post, it has to be approved. Make postings short. Ok to ask any school pertinent questions.
- g. **Friends of Different Learners** (Amy Goodman)
First PAC Parent/Guardian Meeting is Tuesday October 22, 6pm at Booth. PAC invites all families whose children are currently serviced by special education to connect through upcoming events and our online community. If you would like to be involved reach out to Catherine D.

Guest Speakers

- a. Dr. Aileen Myer, Administrator, Bowers Farm – she joined the team this summer as an administrator and English teacher. Focusing on creating a sense of community. They had a welcome back orientation with a kick off breakfast. There are 5 staff on academics and 17 on farm side. They offer a variety of courses to utilize the farm. Synergy is how they earn their PA credit – experience horses, llamas and pigs like milking and the importance of it and the impact, pound T-post. FallFest was organized by Bowers. Celebrations: space is creating happiness, engagement – attendance and grades are good. Goals – continue to build community, partner up with farm staff and create a store and sell items to field trip parents. Will be student centered. Program is for students – nontraditional learning, for kids with attendance issues, and for kids that would be dropping out or kids that need to make up credits.
- b. Margaret Schultz, Administrator – Prepare U program at BHHS. Support student’s mental health. Developed by Ryan Beale a West Bloomfield graduate. 15 lessons, we purchase for all health classes. Built on a group therapy model. Not therapists. Allowing kids to talk about what they are experiencing and how they can help themselves. Lessons are videos with discussion questions. If students are in health right now, a letter went to parents on the program. Parents can watch the videos the kids saw and follow-up questions for the parents as well to bring the learning home. Parents have access for 4 years while kids are in high school. Parents can purchase if you want (online courses).

Old Business

None

New Business

Buy Tickets for the School Play!

Adjourn: 8:05pm

+ Important Dates (see attached)