Berkshire Middle School

PTA

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General Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 7:00 pm

Berkshire MS Media Center, 21707 W Fourteen Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

7:02 – Welcome and Introductions- Lauri Spencer

Alana Purnell is unavailable for personal reasons

7:07 – Principals report- Jason Clinkscale

- Thanks to the PTA for supporting registration
- Middle of fall sports season, Purnell has been adding updates in the Berkshire Family updates
- 9/18 (6th grade), 9/21 (7th grade), 9/22 (8th grade) - Town Hall meetings with students begin. These town hall meetings are to work with the students to set the tone and expectations for the year.
- 9/23-9/24 – Iready testing starts (math and reading) please try not to schedule student appointments for those dates. (though there will me make up dates if needed)
- 9/26 - Saturday School Program starts 9am-11am
    - Volunteers for all levels are needed.
    - Students welcome for all grades K-12
    - Tutoring is usually 1:1 sometimes 2:1
    - Berkshire does have 4 staff members available for Saturday school
    - Student drop off is welcome. Appointments are requested for specific tutoring.
    - Donations of $3 is requested for snacks and school supplies
- 9/28 - Club fair will be during lunch- Clubs are listed on the website and in the family update. New club ideas are welcome, they require a sponsor.
- 9/30 – Ice Cream social
- First week of October (date TBD) – Proud Dads club meeting. All are welcome to participate
- Ebikes, escooters – Be safe out there. Follow all rules/laws relating to bike riding. Berkshire has no remarks on the use of ebikes and scooters. The Birmingham district is looking into releasing a statement regarding this topic. It is inappropriate for one school in the district to make the rules when they are not all unified.

- Drop off/Pick up – thank you to all drivers following the parameter of the parking lot for these high traffic times.
- Yearbooks – get your yearbooks now. $45, there will be a price increase in December. Try to remember if you have already ordered a book so you don't by a second one in error 😊
- Zeffy Fundraisers – Hearts and Flowers fundraiser to support staff for life events (separate from official school and PTA fundraisers)
    - PTA can use the zeffy for staff appreciation. To raise funds that the school and PTA cant
    - FUN FACT – Staff love Berkshire swag (PTA to look into incorporating the spirit store into staff appreciation week)

7:22 – President report – Lauri Spencer

- Birmingham Council meeting
    - Compliance with critical this year
    - All board members have been added to Givebacks to ensure compliance
    - By Laws are up for review this year (Liz and Toni will work with Lauri to have them ready by next meeting for approval)
    - SOS presented for support. 9/27 5K fundraiser
    - 2/26/2027 – BEF BASH
- Spirit Wear
    - Varsity shop is low on orders
    - Working with new vendors (will try to budget for staff swag)
- Thank you to all PTA members for volunteering and supporting the school during registration and Curriculum night

7:26 – President Elect Report – Danyelle King

- Karolina Braun to chair Reflections for the 26-27 school year and will work with Danyelle

VP – Memberships – Toni Bassett

- Approximately 150 families have joined the PTA so far this year
- Still need staff to sign up. Membership is required to request grants.
- Send Jason information forward to the staff to join the PTA
- **ACTION ITEM – send Jason information forward to the staff.**
- Presales are an excellent addition to encourage memberships
- We need more planners for next year and improved swag inventory
- Complete a registration-lessons learned to assist with future.

VP – Volunteers – Bethany Finnerty

- School Store Sign up is completely full
- We still need voluteers for half day pizza days (Starts in October)

Treasurer's Report – Liz Shesko

- Liz has all the passwords and is ready to move forward
- There will be a PTA google Drive where all of the reports will be posted. Pictures of receipts and also be posted to the drive.
- Former treasurer Kelly will take care of the audit for last years budget.
- Our goal is approximately $15,000 and we should be able to approve the budget at the October PTA meeting.

7:39pm – New Business

- 10/29 - Halloween Dance (3:30 – 5pm) – Danyelle King is Chair for this event.
    - Provided by the PTA. there is no cost to attend.
    - The budget is 500. It covers a photo booth, DJ, Pizza and water.
    - a sign up for volunteers will be posted soon.
- Contact Laurie Garbutt for all things relating to the website and updating the calendar.
- Mr. Clickscale will be sending both the new bulletin and the standard Berkshire Family Update for now so we can all be acclimated with the new format while still seeing what we are used to seeing.

Upcoming PTA Events:

- 9/30 (6:30-8pm) – ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- 10/13 – HALF DAY PIZZA SALE
- 10/14 (7pm) – PTA MEETING
- 10/29 (3:30-5pm) – HALLOWEEN DANCE
- 10/30 – HALF DAY PIZZA SALE

7:48pm – Meeting adjourned

2026-2027 PTA CALENDAR

9/9 - CURRICULUM NIGHT (PTA Meet and Greet / Merchandise Sales 6:00-7:00 pm)
9/16 - PTA MEETING (7pm)
09/30 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL(6:30-8pm)
10/13 – HALF DAY PIZZA SALE
10/14 – PTA MEETING (7pm)
10/29 – HALLOWEEN DANCE (3:30-5pm)
10/30 – HALF DAY PIZZA SALE
11/11 - HALF DAY PIZZA SALE (conferences)
11/18 – PTA MEETING (7pm)
11/25 – NO SCHOOL
NO DECEMBER MEETING
01/13 – PTA MEETING (7pm)
02/10 – PTA MEETING (7pm)
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4/14 – PTA MEETING (7pm)
5/12 – PTA MEETING (7pm)