Bluffton High School Meeting Minutes

Location:	Room 1120
Date:	October 1, 2026
Time:	5:00 PM

In attendance

Marti Golson (President), Beth Simpson (Secretary), Lisa Priester, Michelle Calendine, Libby Fillmore, Kristen Rushing, Idelsa Matos, Erica Nelson (Assistant Principal)

Business since last meeting

September:

- Picture Day- Sept. 2nd
- Volunteers received discount vouchers *(good for one student)*

HOCO Movie Night- Sept. 15th

- Movie night was moved to the auditorium, where food and drinks were prohibited.
- No information was sent out on Parent Square about the change in location. This resulted in a poor turnout of only 10 students, leading the PTO to decide against providing concessions.
- PTO will need to reevaluate HOCO movie night in the future.

HOCO Powder Puff Game- Sept. 16th

- PTO sold concessions (drinks, candy, snacks, and bubbles) at the Powder Puff game. Generating approximately $119.97 in profit.
- This was a great idea and will plan to provide concessions at the Powder Puff game in the future.

HOCO Dance - Sept. 19th

- Students were well behaved
- PTO set up and sold concessions
- Brought in $156, primarily from candy sales.
- The "dirty sodas" were offered for free and were a major hit with the students.
- PTO purchased sodas & cups and the flavors were provided by Student Council.
- Suggested selling foam light up wands next year.
- Leftover snacks that were near their expiration dates, such as Smart Pop, were distributed to teacher workrooms and the front office rather than being stored.
- Candy with longer expiration dates are being stored at Beth Simpson's house.

Upcoming events:

October:

Picture Make Up Day- October 13:

- Expecting 150 – 200 Students
- Volunteers needed – *Marti Golson, Beth Simpson, Kristen Rushing and Idelsa Matos*
- An email will be sent requesting more Volunteers.

- There was a suggestion to involve the yearbook club students in facilitating picture day by handing out cards.

Haunted House:

- Date: October 24th Time Frame: 6:00-8:00
- Volunteers need to sell Pop Corn.
- It was discussed recruiting students from the Interact Club or other campus clubs to help pop and scoop popcorn for volunteer hours.
- It was suggested to sell the popcorn we were unable to sell at HOCO at the haunted house.
    - Pop Corn must be sold in the parking lot near the front door prior to entering the haunted house.
    - Need to line up popcorn machine- *Jen Parrott*
    - we have the popcorn and bags

8th Grade Tours:

- October 26th & 27th
- 10:30 to 11:45- 8th Grade Expo in the gym
- 9:30- Begin popping the popcorn
- Need 4 volunteers each day.
    - Beth Simpson, Kristen Arroyo, Libby Fillmore, and Lisa Priester volunteered.
    - An email will be sent to confirm dates volunteers committed to and request additional help if needed.

Treasurer's report:

- The total bank balance as of the meeting morning was $12,637.44.
    - PTO $6,249.78
    - Sunshine $2,275.71
    - ROAR $2,429.48

Future events, board business or suggestions:

- Givebacks-
    - The district has transitioned to a system called "Giveback" for managing memberships, donations, and event forms. The parent rewards side requires linking a debit card, which may cause privacy concerns for some users.
- PTO identified a need for electronic payment options like Square, Zelle, or Apple Pay, Cash App as students rarely carry cash or physical debit cards.

Teacher Requests

- PTO will start requiring teachers and staff requesting funds, items, or volunteer needs, to email the PTO (blhs.pto@gmail.com) a completed request form at least 1 week before the meeting and attend the PTO meeting to present their funding requests face-to-face.
- This will improve communication and clarify expectations.
- The teacher request form will be updated to include a section for requesting volunteers.

- District rules prohibit the PTO from simply reimbursing teachers for receipts; the PTO must purchase the materials directly or provide the items.

Other Items

- A marketing contact at Chick-fil-A confirmed they can provide food or coupon donations for teacher appreciation events on a first-come, first-served monthly basis. The PTO aims to request a breakfast for teachers in either December or January.

Potential Service or Legacy Project

- Repainting the paws on the sidewalk leading to the football field
    - The group decided to wait until after football season (December or January) to paint the sidewalk paws when there is less foot traffic.
- Adding planters at the entrance
- Look at replacing the carpet at the entrance
- Replacing the broken, sagging folding table at the front entrance with a sturdy metal one.
- This will be further discussed at the next meeting

Bobcat Cart

- The purpose of the cart is to treat teachers with snacks, drinks, ect. once a month
- Need to purchase (2) 3 -tier carts: Cost roughly $150
- PTO aims to have this ready after the winter break

PTO Storage

- Ms. Nelson will investigate consolidating storage closets to provide the PTO with a dedicated, lockable space for their two carts and items.
- At the previous meeting Mr. Hall stated he was going to look into a storage location for PTO as well.
- It was suggested that the lockers are not used by students and we could use some for storage.

Update Bylaws

- This is a work in progress and will be completed by the PTO board and approved my membership when completed.

Meetings

- Every First Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Room 1120 unless otherwise noted below:
- November 5th, December 3rd, January- no meeting, February 4th, March 4th, April 1st, May- Teacher Appreciation Week, Meeting will be later in month to discuss EOY Business.

Meeting Concluded at 5:50