**BBHMS PSO Meeting Minutes 11/16/17**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Julie Guardado and Jen Dzina at 9:30 a.m. with 27 members present. Todd Rings, Spencer Warders, Joelle Magyar also were in attendance.

**PSO President’s Report:**

* Play tryouts for the spring play - “The Wizard of Oz” - will be January 8 & 9. A parents’ meeting for play participants will be the evening of Jan. 16, and the play will be performed March 24 & 25
* Seventh grade social “Let’s Glo Crazy” is 11/17 from 3-5
* PSO Holiday Brunch will be held 12/1 at 11:45 a.m. at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. The Brunch will be in conjunction with Central’s PSO
* A large bulletin board in the school cafeteria – “Swarm Board” – is organized by Claudia Griesmer. Claudia wants a variety of school organizations and events to sign up for 2 week slots to promote different clubs, events, etc. She will be sending out a Signup Genius for this soon.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* Dawn Papadatos was not in attendance, but financial statements were distributed to the members in attendance

**Principal’s Report:**

Todd Rings presented as follows:

* The Middle School sent a team of teachers and Mr. Rings to Philadelphia for a national conference last week to present on Unit Leveling.
* The Middle School Robotics team, which is brand new this year, won their first competition on 11/10. The win qualified the team for the state tournament in the Spring.
* Winter Sports have begun. A few students had to be cut from basketball, but wrestlers, which is a non-cut sport, are still needed.
* Middle School teacher Ms. Rambo organized a community outreach program in which 270 stuffed stockings were sent to members of the military stationed on an aircraft carrier.
* Coats for Kids competition ends on 11/17. This is a competition with the Hudson City Schools. The winning districts gets $1,000 from Fussy Cleaners.
* The Yuletide Hunger Program is going on currently, and ends on 12/4. If students bring in 3 items on 11/17 they receive a dress-down day.
* 79% of the Middle School students were on Honor or Merit Roll for first quarter.
* The trimester for specials for 6th and 7th grade students ends on 11/21. The new trimester starts on 11/27.
* There are numerous concerts in December for students participating in our music programs, including choir on 12/7.
* Peterson Nut and Yankee Candle fundraisers are ongoing.
* 7th graders are going on a field trip on 12/12 to see Great Lakes Theater version of “A Christmas Carol”
* Assistant Principal Warners and his wife had a baby boy on 11/3.
* Mrs. Gaunter is still on leave, but will be returning in January.
* The school’s “Choose Kindness” program is ongoing. We are going to do a “Where’s Waldo” event where Kindness rocks are hidden around the community, and students take a photo with the rock when they find one.
* We are having a contest currently where if students are “caught” reading, they are entered in a drawing to win prizes.
* Please sign up for the CAPA newsletter. Parents, please be aware of recent studies describing the dangers of vaping. Parents also should be aware of juuls, which look like long flash drives but which hold nicotine and other drugs. Juuls can be charged in Chromebooks.

Superintendent’s Report

Joelle Magyar presented as follows:

* A BBHCSD Facilities Committee Meeting is being held on 11/17 at 4:30 at Highland Elementary. Child care will be provided.
* A 9th grade boy at the High School passed away earlier in the week. The boy’s parents spoke with Joelle and wish to keep the matter as private as they possibly can.
* There were rumors circulating about threats to the high school and the Middle School made by friends of the boy who passed away. After investigating thoroughly, it was determined that these were rumors only and no such threats had actually been made.
* To be safe, the Broadview Heights Police Department were dispatched to the High School and Middle School the morning of 11/15. Many more police than anticipated showed up, and many parents and students were frightened because they did not know why the police were there.
* Ms. Magyar emphasized that she is also is a parent and would never put students in harm’s way. However, she has no control over the social media of students or parents in the District. She requested that parents and students with questions email or call her and that they not immediately believe what they see on social media.
* Ms. Magyar had attended a Student Advisory Meeting on 11/15, which was a regularly scheduled meeting, and 18 of the 20 student members were present. The word bullying arose 9x during the meeting.
* Suggestions were made from parents for a "no tolerance" policy for bullying.  Discussion around how bullying is not always at school but is 24/7 via social media and often the bullying is not apparent and happening outside of school hours.
* Suggestions that education is needed for teachers and parents on how to deal with bullying or to identify when a student is feeling bullied, even if they don't state it obviously.
* Discussion on how students are often afraid to report bad behavior because of being labeled a "snitch".  Mr. Rings stated that emails directed to him would remain confidential.
* Question was asked about how student are disciplined when identified as bullies (or inciting a "major school disruption" as yesterday). However because of the social media string, yesterday's "cause" was not able to be identified, although they did try.  Discipline is decided on a case by case basis.  There is frustration around parents who resist having their students follow through with school disciplinary action. Many believe their student's version of events over that of the teachers and administration.
* Many parents suggested that the phone alert system should have been used yesterday.  The phone system is setup for short announcements and not the lengthy information that was required yesterday which was why it was not used.  Email was a better delivery system.  However, constant contact has its limitations.  Approximately 30 High school families had unsubscribed from the system and therefore did not get the emails.  Reminder to parents that sometimes important information will be delivered via email and you should stay on the mailing lists. An email will be going out to remind parents that they should subscribe to stay up to date on district information.
* Suggestion for a positive reinforcement system to be put in place to reward those students who stick up for others or are found doing kind acts.  Mr. Rings stated that a system is in place, but that the PSO could assist by providing awards - not all of which need to be monetary.  Julie will speak with Jen and Mr. Rings further to see how PSO can assist in this effort.
* Joelle will be debriefing about yesterday’s situation with her team on Friday, 11/17.  Afterwards she plans to send some emails to the district to summarize what had happened, what was learned, changes to be made going forward.  Also she will address the concerns over bullying.  There will be separate emails because she wants to be clear that they are separate issues.  These should be expected over the next couple of weeks.
* Joelle asked again that we, as parents, be cognizant of how we are using our social media and reminds us to contact her directly at any time if there are questions or concerns.
* Joelle has approved a request for a candlelight vigil on old stadium in memory of the 9th grade boy who died.

Meeting adjourned.

Ellen M. Kramer, Recording Secretary, with assistance from Kelly Petros