**BBHMS PSO Meeting Minutes 10/11/18**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Denise Gawlik and Kerry Ely at 9:30 a.m. with 24 other members present: Sue Ryan, Janelle Henning, Debbie Dey, Gloria Joseph, Kim Policarpo, Kelly Petros, Amy Lully, Nellie Spacek, Jennifer Stephen, Julie Guardado, Jen Dzina, Robin Coyer, Marla Speeth, Ronda Strmac, Deb Kuscevic, Heather Roberts, Petra Laszlo, Khara Mack, Ann Koepke, Suzanne Brown, Jill Mansfield, Jody Griech, Sara Albrecht and Ellen Kramer

**Co-President Report:**

* A Chippewa family recently found out that their 3 year has leukemia. The family has 2 older kids in the District. A meal train is being set up for the family.
* Kalahari nights will no longer be used as a fundraiser. The PSO is working on obtaining reduced rates for a stay for families in the District.
* Please take the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center survey. There was a link in the last couple of PSO newsletters.
* Middle School PSO Newsletters will now go out on Thursday mornings. Please email Julie Zukauckas by noon on Wednesday with any content to include in the newsletter and with anything for the website.
* 7th grade social will be 11/16. Being planned by Alison Winokur and Rebecca Cain, neither of whom could attend the meeting. Taco bar; might be a glow party. Will be 3-5 after school. Still working on games.

**Principal’s Report:**

Todd Rings presented as follows:

* Middle School received the National Blue Ribbon Award.
* 3rd Blue Ribbon award the District has received in the past 20 years.
* Only 16 schools in the State received this award, and BBHMS was the only Middle Schools in the State to get the award. Only 22 Middle Schools in the country received it.
* A couple of administration officials will be attending the award ceremony in early November in D.C.
* The award is entirely based on state test scores
* Donations are being sought for a dinner for the staff to celebrate. If you would like to donate, please give to Mr. Rings or Sheri Dickhaut
* 8th grade PSAT was yesterday.
* 8th graders in the past took the Aspire test associated with the ACT). District decided to switch to PSAT because more free resources are available through the SAT than there are through the ACT
* Also, the SAT qualifies students for National Merit awards
* 10/26 is the 6th grade canteen with a Halloween theme. Please note that the canteen ends at 5:00, and if you need to pick up your student early you will need to come in and sign out for the student.
* School fundraiser runs through 10/18. The fundraiser is for the entire school, but the money is for the 8th grade D.C. Scholarship Fund for students whose families cannot afford to pay for the D.C. trip. The number of kids varies from year to year, but usually 10-15 are helped by the fundraiser.
* $5- 6,000 is normally donated.
* Cost of the D.C. trip is $550
* School normally gives the D.C. scholarship money to the students who receive free or reduced lunches.
* M.S. wants to move the building sign to East side of building, on the auditorium. Sign is not that expensive (approximately $1,600, but the lift to put it up is $3,000. The plan is to do it in the summer of 2019 when the district is renting a lift for some other projects.
* Please note that the dress code prohibits clothing with holes. An announcement was made to the students yesterday, as many of the students don’t seem to be following this rule. If there is clothing underneath the hole, there is no violation.
* Also, girls need to wear long shirts with yoga pants or leggings.
* Mr. Rings does not want to be enforcing dress code all day long. Normally a warning is issued first. Subsequent violations result in detention. Parents are notified if their student receives a detention, but not if a warning is issued.
* Bullying is “on purpose over a prolonged period of time to the same student.” Once occasion is considered harassment. Both are bad and receive consequences. Bullying results in out of school suspension. Harassment results in detention or, possibly, out of school suspension.
* Each student starts the school year anew. Prior behavior is not forgotten; it is considered, but there is a fresh start with respect to detentions, etc.
* Cyber-bullying is very difficult for a school to monitor as a school is only responsible for what disrupts the school day. Parents made aware of cyber-bullying should contact the other parents or the police.
* Last week an 8th grade student was suspended for disruption in a German class.
* School is in desperate need to subs, anywhere from 2-1/2 to 7 hours per day. Please see Mr. Rings if you are interested, or know anyone who might be. Don’t really need specific qualifications, but do need to pass a background check.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Dawn Papadatos was unable to attend. Her report is attached. The book fair in September earned $1,400 for the PSO.

**PSO Council:**

Rhonda Strmac presented:

* The recent Council meeting was shorter than ususal
* New school construction was discussed at it
* There is a parent info lecture series coming up. In early December there is a presentation called “Consider This” about options other than college after high school. In February there will be a talk about students and handling stress.
* On March 11 the District plans to have a Take Back Togetherness evening. The idea is for students to go home and spend time with family and have a device free night.
* Dr. Martin talked about the ALICE training all teachers will be receiving this year.
* Schools Foundation would appreciate donations on Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.
* Band Boosters citrus sales started, and will continue through early November. The proceeds go for band fees and trips.

**Sara Albrecht reported on the September Book Fair:**

* Thanked everyone who volunteered.
* Earned approximately the same amount as last year.
* Will do another in the Spring, but cannot recall the dates she has scheduled it.

**Robin Coyer reported on CAPA:**

* Schools are a 100% tobacco free zone
* Does not include vaping.
* The Great American Smokeout is 11/5.
* Life is Your Journey: Travel Drug free – promoted the week of Oct. 22-26.
* DARE to be better is coming up on 11/6 from 11-12 at Brecksville Human Services Center. DARE officers will be in attendance. Training to detect drug abuse in young people.

**Janelle Henning reported on membership:**

* 353 total PSO members, up from 316 last year
* 208 paper submissions and 145 online submissions
* 78 staff
* New District Facebook policy may have contributed to the increase. You have to be a paid PSO member in order to participate in the PSO Facebook site.

**Jill Mansfield reported on the upcoming 6th grade social:**

* On Friday, 10/26 with Halloween theme
* Video game truck right outside gym doors – in a controlled area
* Tickets will be on sale Wednesday through Friday the week of the social
* Advertised on the Swarm Board right now

**Fundraising Report:**

This is on hold until the Spring.

Meeting adjourned.

Ellen M. Kramer, Recording Secretary