

BBH Middle School PSO

Meeting Agenda and Notes – December 19, 2024: 9:31 AM In-Person and Zoom

PSO meetings are for sharing information and learning about our schools and our district. We encourage you to engage in responsible conversation and healthy discussion on issues to promote better education for children. Personal agendas are not welcome at our meetings.

We will gladly direct you to the appropriate resource to help you after the meeting. Please respect each person's time on the agenda.

Attendees (in person and online): Petra Laszlo, Sara Blayne, Dave Bond, Joy Brooks, Lisa Galek, Jason Kurlycheck, Rachel Haslow, Stacy Lynch, Maria Schneider, Todd Rings, Jane Ciuni, Kelly Lazar, Courtney Riddles, Mikenan Harvath, Jessica Gdovicak, Elizabeth McMillin

- I. Call to Order AM Pledge of Allegiance (9:35 AM)
- II. Greeting by Co-Presidents (Petra Laszlo and Stacy Lynch)

Staff Liaison Report (Maria Schneider)



7th Grade Science creating blades for wind turbines!



Do you have any pictures from BBHMS events that you would like to share for the yearbook? If so, use this link or QR Code to upload them. Thank you!



<https://photos.jostens.com/UCVURP>

Our new student-led Green Team is looking for some parent volunteers to assist them with creating and implementing more efficient mixed recycling (cans, plastic bottles, glass, cartons...) program in our lunch periods, gymnasium areas, and throughout the school. All input welcome! Email roderickc@bbhcsd.org if you can help in any way.



JOIN BBH students and families on our incredible All-Inclusive GREECE TRIP in SUMMER 2026! Limited spots are filling up fast, so check out the amazing itinerary, learn about scholarships & fundraising, and enroll today! www.eftours.com/2813109ZR All current 5,6,7th graders are invited to this experience of a lifetime!

[GREECE - SUMMER 2026](#)

**We will have a virtual informational meeting January 22nd at 7PM via Zoom. A link will be sent out soon!*

6th Grade-

Over 125 students are participating in Young Authors and Illustrators. Kids use BookCreator or a hardcover white book to write and illustrate a book in HIVE. These include cookbooks, short stories, poetry, and nonfiction.

November- December- January

Write- get help from teachers

February- March

Peer sharing/review

April

Finish and publish books

May 20th

Young Authors and Illustrators' Book Autograph and Presentation Day 3rd period. Authors and illustrators invite family and friends to school. Books are set up on easels throughout the cafeteria. Middle school students and guests survey the books kids and share their book and writing/illustrating experiences.

Grade 8 Art Studio finished up 2 of my favorite art units (Ceramic Clay Dragons & Pastel Flower Arrangement with Border

III. Principal's Report (Mr. Rings)

7th graders Playhouse Square "A Christmas Carol" today

8th grade fundraiser pickup this week in conference room. 20 boxes still left. Come to main office to pick up.

7:00 Band concert tonight

Tomorrow morning Assembly 8th grade groups perform

January 6th first day of school after the break

Thanks for the gift and goals fulfillments.

Mr. MacNamara heading up "The wall of freedom and sacrifice." Wall to honor veterans, present military and first responders.

Big push about Career readiness: state funding is going toward career readiness.

Superintendent wants students to have a career path (college/trade school). Exposing kids early to different careers. 6th grade had a career fair.

Thanks to PSO for dedication toward students and staff.

IV. Counseling Report:

6th grade counselor Mrs. Gonter:

7th grade counselor Mrs. Leneczewski:

8th grade counselor Mrs. Ciuni: Early December after Thanksgiving break counselors addressed HB123 suicide awareness. Taught 3 steps of say something: 1. Look for signs in friends, others . 2. Act. 3. Tell trusted adult. Students got handout. Can be a starting point for parent discussion.

Jan 22 and 23 CVCC visit. 9:30-10:30. Randi Borasch will come in early January for preview.

February: 8-9th grade transition meeting Monday Feb 3, 7:00 PM High school

Feb 12 High school schedule requests due.

Feb 10, 7:00 PM High school CCP meeting. In order to participate in this opportunity, students must go to this meeting every year. State Deadline to turn in intent to participate form typically due April 1.

Social: 195 8th graders to Top Golf.

V. CAPA Report Kelly Lazar:

Huddle kids came into 6th and 8th grade classes. Talked about cannabis and marijuana and making healthy choices and refusal skills. Kids had a lot of questions for older kids. MetroHealth came and presented to 7th grade same topic.

Newsletter linked in Mr. Ring's email.

All staff received gifts that Huddle Jr. kids made for them. Personal card

Huddle Jr. participating with Common Threads. Every year they pick people to receive the proceeds of the sales. We will be collecting clothes and goods in January. Collection boxes can be found in the lobby. There will be a presale on carnations and chocolates to be delivered on Valentines day. Proceeds will go to Huddle Jr. to purchase new sign for the school. Huddle Jr. will visit senior adults for intergenerational activities. Either Danbury or Jennings.

VI. Schools Foundations Report:

VII. Executive Board Reports

a. Co-Presidents: (Petra Laszlo and Stacy Lynch)

Gifts and goals committee. Sent out google questionnaire to teachers. Received 9 responses for requests for their classrooms. Mr. Rings also suggested a few things

- Science Energy Balls to help illustrate the principles of electricity and conductivity
- VEX IQ Robot Brains & Remotes to help with real-time feedback in STEM class
- Tracing Boxes to help in art class
- Individual white boards for use in Algebra and Geometry classes
- Music scores for choir
- Portable pickleball nets for PE
- New BBH themed banners to hang in the cafeteria
- New medical totes for transporting student medicines and medical paperwork, as well as and first aid needs on field trips
- Creation of the “The Walls of Freedom and Sacrifice” in the bench area of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School auditorium lobby. It will be found in the cove where the bench currently sits on the other side of the ramp. This would replace the "Shrine of Freedom" which is in an inconvenient location to view and contains many document copies that are difficult to read. This new and improved interactive experience will include significant primary source documents studied by our students at BBHMS. These documents will contain QR codes linked to informational videos created yearly by students and possibly be part of a capstone project in the fourth quarter. The adjoining wall on the left will honor our school community's active service members and will be updated regularly. It will also contain an image of the Vietnam Wall where one can look up service members who have fallen or are missing on the wall. A television that loops pics of the previous year's Washington, D.C. Trip will be the final piece of the left wall. This will also be updated yearly. The right wall will honor first responders who are parents, siblings, or graduates of our school district. The quote that is there now will be replaced with the words "The Walls of Freedom and Sacrifice". The three

traditionally colored lights on the ceiling in the cove will be changed to red, white, and blue. The new location will allow students, as well as visitors to our building the opportunity to interact with our nation's history and honor members of our community.

- b. Treasurer: (Amy Forsythe)
- c. 1st Vice President of programs: (Sara Blayne).Bee Bucks sign-ups went out for Jan and Feb.
Elementary school looking for donations of books for book swap.
- d. 2nd Vice President of Fundraising: (Megan Haynes and Nicole Kern)
- e. Communications Secretary (website): (Jessica Gdovicak) Let her know if you want anything on the website.
- f. Council Delegates: (Jason Kurlychek and Katie Batcheller)
No council meeting because of weather.
Lisa: school board had meeting last night. Updated kindergarten cut off date – 5 year old by August 1st.
Colony closet: Let counselors know if you have a need
Washington DC trip approved,
High school band going to Disney World next year.

<https://www.bbhpsocouncil.org/minutes1.html>:

VIII. Committee Reports

- g. Membership Update (Liz Sell) – none
- h. DC Nut Fundraiser (Megan Haynes) –
- i. 8th grade social (Megan Haynes) –
- j. Spring musical (Christy Crouch) – Auditions Dec 16 and 17th. Congrats to everyone. 1/3 of stage crew is in musical. Crumbl fundraiser + \$250 donation from local business. Total profit \$1738. Had
- k. Spirit wear (Jason Kurlychek)
- l. Newsletter Submissions (Julie Hess) – if you have anything to share in our Monday morning newsletter, please email Julie by Friday. CC presidents juleshess8@gmail.com

IX. Adjournment – 10:22 am

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