

BBH Middle School PSO

Meeting Agenda and Notes – February 15, 2024, 9:31 am: In-Person

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: Teri Ferricci, Rachel Haslow, Jane Ciuni, Joanie MacRaild, Todd Rings, Linda Crouch, Brad Chase, Kinzer Manning, Kelly Lazar, Sara Blayne, Mary Green, Lisa Galek, Nicola Foley

1. Call to Order 9:30 AM Pledge of Allegiance
2. Greeting Co-Presidents
3. Principal's Report: Todd Rings
 - Working with presidents on gifts and goals ideas. New rug in entrance way. Cafeteria painted. Those are the two bigger projects hoping PSO will help with.
 - Meeting this week about auditorium. Still have some money left from budget and will be able to get new projectors and side boards similar to high school. Will be a nice finish to the auditorium project. Going through quote now. Hopeful to be done by end of year.
 - Pep assembly tomorrow.
 - This week kids are being mean to each other in middle school. Going on a lot during kindness week. Incident yesterday. Counseling intervened. Very bad with picking on each other. Hoping our speaker can build up self-resilience. Nothing we can do in school to make it completely stop. **PLEASE have talks with your kids this is not ok!!** Whatever can be done at home to help fix this. Contact counselor, school, not social media and we will help as much as we can. Kids will get consequences. Please email Mr. Rings it will be confidential no one will know, and we will fix it. Consequence includes warnings in beginning of year and slowly work up detention, Saturday school, in school assignment in a room not able to socialize with others. Last resort is out of school suspension and severe case is expulsion. Overall, we do appreciate our kids and everything parents do.
 - Scheduling for rising 8th graders coming late March early April. Waiting to hear how high school does with Power School before starting with rising 7th graders. Reminder that HIVE is just like a study hall.
 - 7th graders have a music choice. This year they get a say in their elective schedule. Prepares them for HS. Music will take up a study hall. The required courses in MS

are important because they are strictly an elective in HS (STEM, Music, Computer) so it's a chance to introduce kids to these.

- Looking to bring in ballroom dancing to PE. PE Department has a lot of great new ideas.

4. Staff Liaison Report - Schneider:

- 6th grade science did cell models out of food. Pics are posted.
- 7th grade did rainbow straws showing density differences.
- Starting tomorrow at noon, project for awesome, John Greene who wrote Fault in our Stars. Worldwide initiative. Provide a video to try and give donors to give money to their philanthropy project. Ours is Kick-It. Opens voting tomorrow starts at noon and closes Sunday at noon. Please vote each day.
- Friday 2/16 kids to wear Red and Gold for pep rally celebrating winter teams and announcing kindness winners from coloring contest and scavenger hunt.
- Next Wednesday 2/21 Track meeting for parents. Posted on website. Email if you can't attend and you will be directed to right person. For grades 7th and 8th.

5. Counseling Report:

- 8th grade scheduling for high school going well. Not due until next Friday. They are meeting with high school counselors. Signing up through brand new system Power School. So far very user friendly and easy to use.
- Celebrating Acts of Kindness week. Mrs. Lazar helping in lunchroom with CAPA selling flowers and chocolates, coloring contest, scavenger hunt with kindness. Making a poster of what we love about BBHMS.
- Monday 2/19 off.
- Speaker next Wednesday Kate Gladdin from Australia talking about Resilience. Talking about challenges and struggles and give suggestions on how to build in themselves.

6. Foundations Report

7. CAPA Report – Lazar:

- Clothing drive wrapped up. Very successful with two box trucks of clothes. Collections at MS, HS, and Brecksville community center. Incredible collection with thousands of pounds of clothes. Thank you! Common Threads so appreciative! Homeroom winners get a sundae bar. Mrs. Levitz with 502 items of clothing, Mrs. Wilson 187 items, Mrs. Hogan 100 items.
- HUDDLE JR had flower and chocolate sale. Today is flash sale to sell rest of flowers \$.50 \$1.50 chocolates.
- HUDDLE JR \$400 net collection hopeful \$500 will go to APL organization.

- Went to Jennings. Very nice trip. Planning another trip in early March or April. Separate into quadrants with kids and residents for different activities. Last activity for 8th graders.
- Guidance working with 5th graders for future HUDDLE JR members.
- Stay tuned for info if you would like your child in 7th to join HUDDLE JR.

8. Board Reports

- Co-Presidents: Petra Laszlo and Joanie MacRaid
 - Thank you to staff appreciation committee – done a really great job this year. This week was chocolate covered pretzels to staff.
 - Still working on Gifts and Goals. Little different than ES and HS. Trying to focus on classroom enrichment, after school clubs, etc. Carpets, painting, etc. to freshen up school.
 - Please support the Schools Foundation annual fundraiser for school grants – Thursday Feb 22, 7 pm Carpe Raci <https://www.bbhsf.org/2024-buzz-around-the-world>
 - Still looking for a few more people for next years slate. Still Sustainability chair which is a new position. Book fair co-chair and 8th grade social chair.
- Treasurer: Amy Forsythe
 - Monthly update – last meeting \$40k end of year \$35,600 currently as of today. \$140 spirit wear. \$40 memberships. Everything comes in under budget. Not having a lot of income coming in the last couple of months. School play is only item left for income.
- Vice President: Theresa Emch
 - 24-25 Slate still need some positions filled.
- 2nd Vice Presidents: Nicola Foley:
- Secretary: Teri Ferricci
 - Please submit volunteer hours
- Communications Secretary – Michele Abraham
 - Please send any info for the website
- Council Delegates – Tracy Scott & Linda Crouch
 - For February notes during meeting please see below.
<https://www.bbhpsocouncil.org/minutes1.html>

9. Committee Reports

- Spring musical – Rehearsals currently taking place.
- Book Fair – April 9th through 12th. Sign up coming soon.

- Staff appreciation – Chocolate covered pretzels sent to staff this week.
- Socials – save the date: seventh grade social February 23rd. Permission slips available online or in guidance office.
- Spirit Wear –
- Memberships –
- Newsletter Submissions –All committees should be sending Julie Hess newsletter submissions juleshess8@gmail.com.

10. New Business

11. Adjournment – 10:24 am

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