

BBH Middle School PSO

Meeting Agenda and Notes – September 21, 2023, 9:30 am: Zoom & 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: Mr. Rings, Joanie MacRaild, Petra Laszlo, Teri Ferricci, Kelly Szwagalak, Brad Chase, Lisa Gale, Rachel Hascon, Linda Crouch, Nicola Foley, Beth Marsh, Fiby Toussif, Calypso Roditis, Jennifer Clemenza

1. Call to Order 9:30 AM Pledge of Allegiance
2. Greeting Co-Presidents
3. Principal's Report: Todd Rings
 - Introduction from Officer Garcia. Will be the officer for the building. Used to be SRO in high school, now in middle school with another officer at high school. Welcome to the middle school! They will try to have an officer at the light both in the morning and afternoon. The homecoming parade will shut down portions of Mill Rd. for a short amount of time from 6:55 for roughly 30 to 45 minutes.
 - Counselors, Mr. Rings and Mr. Warders, getting to know all the kids. They are here to support kids and to help them feel safe and secure in the building. 60% building relationships in first quarter 40% content. Changes for second quarter. Very important to Mr. Rings to form relationships and make kids feel welcome and wanting to learn. Goal is to have every single kid succeed academically.
 - School picture day this Friday morning 9/22 (7th, 6th, 8th). Even if not ordering a picture they will need to take them for student ID's. Can be ordered online. Constant Contact being sent out just for picture info. Online ordering is the preferred way to order.
 - October 6th is Bike, Walk, and Roll Day from school. It's a Friday kids can ride their bikes etc., walk down Mill Rd. to Hilton. They will be using the sidewalks on Mill Rd. not the side streets so that they don't ride along with high school drivers. Prizes provided (about 100 t-shirts). Parents/families can get to the Hilton parking lot and pick kids up from there. Constant Contact going out with more information.
 - Great start to the school year! Spirit week has been a success.

- Confusion with study halls. Every child in school has a study hall. HIVE is considered a study hall as well. Some other grades could also have an additional study hall. Please encourage your kids to do work during study hall rather than goof around and play games.
- Auditorium seats are all in! Putting in finishing touches today along with carpet. Looks good!
- If you have any questions or concerns, please come to Mr. Rings. If you have concerns about your student in the classroom, please go directly to the teacher. They know more about the situation. If you don't get what you need from there, Mr. Rings or Mr. Warders can help intervene. Being transparent is so important. Please do not go to social media. The staff will help you and answer any questions.
- The PSAT's for 8th grader students is simply a practice it will not count for anything in the future. If you are an 8th grade parent, please make sure to OPT IN for taking the test. It will be given at the high school.
- Mr. Warders (8th and 6th grade) – Thank you to the PSO! Looking forward to a great year!
- All fees must be currently paid (even from prior years) before being allowed to attend trip or any events at any school.
- Terrible behavior with elementary and middle school kids please remember its still a school event and that they behave and represent school with respect. Remember to watch the game rather than run around. Remind kids, or supervise at the football games.
- Middle School ranked high in state of Ohio thanks to all parents!

4. Staff Liaison Report - Schneider:

- Thank you to all the staff for signing up for PSO.
- 7th grade STEM update – competing with items they built.
- Life Skills – “how to” with career pathways. Randi Borosch will be in the class to discuss further. January she will be in Social Studies. More parents come in discussing resumes and interviews as well as mindfulness.

5. Counseling Report:

- House Bill 123 Ohio mandated law was implemented. Had to choose an Ohio approved program. Program they use is Sandy Hook Promise “Start with Hello”, includes safety violence and prevention, social inclusion, suicide awareness and prevention. Thanks to HUDDLE for their help.
- Combined the spirit week with social inclusion (dress like trusted adult).
- Any questions about suicide prevention and awareness (starting in November) please contact the guidance office and they will answer any questions.

- New feature on website. Announcements page where everything read to the students in the morning is on the website (quick links, announcements) listed by date and it is all the information being read on the announcements so that if your children miss it and don't tell you, you can get the information. Thank you to Mr. Butler for putting this together! He's also running announcements and fun school pictures on the TVs in the school.
- The calendar on the website will now have more school information and events listed.

6. Foundations Report

7. CAPA Report – Lazar:

- Record number of kids in Huddle Jr. this year!
Red Ribbon week is coming up and plans are being brainstormed as well as fundraisers (clothing drive with Common Threads, toothbrush collections for donation to local organization). Kids will decide what to do and run it with Mr. Rings.
- Barbie day for Spirit Week was a success. Teaches inclusion. Great idea by kids.

8. Board Reports

- Co-Presidents: Petra Laszlo and Joanie MacRaidl
 - Reminders that PSO does not endorse any candidates or get involve with any elections. Discussions will not take place.
 - PSO hosting meet the candidates at 7 pm October 4th. Committee is going through questions and choosing the best ones to ask during the meeting.
 - Thank you to audit committee for working over the summer to complete as well as to the staff appreciation committee.
 - Bee Bucks store starting Oct. 29th. Thank you to all who have donated. Candy is the most requested item for the store and donations are greatly appreciated!
- Treasurer: Amy Forsythe
 - Audit performed over the summer with no findings of errors. Motion to approve the audit (Kelly) second (Anne). Approved.
 - Budget pretty much same as last year with a few small changes. Lowered No Fuss goal to \$8500. Budget for Bee Bucks store \$200 added as well as water for D.C. trip bus ride \$200.
 - Currently sitting on \$34,000 because waiting for a lot of that to come out. Rick Smith brought in a lot of extra income, and we do have a nice amount to give back to school. Gifts and Goals funds have not come out for 22-23 yet. Would like to help more in the classroom. A new line item as well for

microphones for school play at \$1000. All other items pretty much the same. Discussed with board to help with after school clubs more. Motion to approve budget (Linda) second (Kelly). Approved.

- Vice President: Theresa Emch
 - Yuletide Hunger November 17th. More info to come soon.
- 2nd Vice Presidents: Nicola Foley:
 - \$3,900 dollars so far received for No Fuss Fundraiser with a goal of \$8,500.
 - All students that donate will receive a candy bar with a drawing for the pizza party with friends. Mr. Rings will announce. If sending cash, please make a note so that the kids and family can be identified (student name, grade, homeroom teacher on envelope).
- Secretary: Teri Ferricci
 - Please submit volunteer hours
- Communications Secretary – Michele Abraham
 - Please send any info for the website
- Council Delegates – Tracy Scott & Linda Crouch
 - Meeting September PSO Council Meeting Recap – please refer to notes at <https://www.bbhpsocouncil.org/minutes1.html>

9. Committee Reports

- Spring
- Book Fair – Oct. 2-6 Volunteer sign up, grab a friend and come help!
- Staff appreciation – Welcome back breakfast for staff.
- Socials – 6th grade Social. Oct. 27th after school with theme of Fall Festival. Final forms must be completed for attendance. Sign up genius will be sent soon for item donations. Balloon drop, photo booth, magnet photo frames, music, food, gaga ball, kickball will be at the social.
- Spirit Wear – New sales every month. First Place Spirit Wear can be ordered online all year round and shipped directly to your house. Other they use is in groups where it is announced and linked with elementary and high schools.
- Memberships – Still accepting memberships. Facebook page will be cleaned out in November 1st. 339 current members. Last year 386 total but had more students at school. More coming in daily.
- Newsletter Submissions – All committees should be sending Julie Hess newsletter submissions juleshess8@gmail.com.

10. New Business

- Next meeting Wednesday October 18th

11. Adjournment – 10:50 AM

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