**BBHMS PSO Meeting Minutes 11/08/18**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Denise Gawlik and Kerry Ely at 9:30 a.m. with 26 other members present: Sue Ryan, Janelle Henning, Deb Kusevic, Gloria Joseph, Kim Policarpo, Kelly Petros, Amy Lully, Nellie Spacek, Jennifer Stephen, Jen Dzina, Robin Coyer, Marla Speeth, Ronda Strmac, Petra Laszlo, Khara Mack, Jody Griech, Jacqueline Caputo, Cathy Roderick, Dawn Papdatos, Rebecca Cain, Jill Tayfel, Jennifer Stone, Diana Minatel, Melanie Hauer, Jayne Beckett and Ellen Kramer

**Co-President Report:**

Kerry Ely and Denise Gawlik presented as follows:

* Yuletide Hunger program is running the month of November. Middle School has been assigned lunch and hygiene items. There is a great need – please donate. This program is run in combination with the Brecksville and Broadview Heights communities.
* Renovations to the Middle School Auditorium - should that be the M.S. PSO fundraising focus for the next few years? The PSO officers voted in favor of this.
* Not sure yet how the Middle School staff feels about this but Mr. Rings is in favor
* Gifts and Goals for the foreseeable future will be allocated to this
* An outline with details of the proposed renovations is attached to these minutes.
* Some of the PSO members in attendance want additional information about the project, such as a better estimate of cost, before fully committing

**Middle School Counselors’ Report:**

Claire Gonter and Nicole Lenczewski presented as follows:

* Wanted to present to PSO parents to let them know about their roles at the School and about some Middle School programs
* They follow American School Counseler Association Program, which recommends a ratio of 250:1 of students to counselor. The Middle School has a ratio of 400:1 of students to counselor.
* They help with academics, social and emotional learning and career planning. They try to leave discipline out of their offices, but work with administrators to tag team on discipline. “We are a safe spot for kids.”
* They have weekly meetings with teachers.
* Remind kids about Safe School Hotline
* Do many peer mediations and work with teachers and the PEP (Positive Education Program), which is to assist students with behavior problems.
* They monitor 504 plans, but not IEPs.
* They work with Gina Mutch, CVCC liaison, with career lessons and planning.
* They try to get into classrooms a few times per year – their goal is 1x per quarter
* Middle School thinking about adding an advisory period like they did at the high school each year
* Their guidance website (through the school) has many mental health information links
* They also do AIR Testing and character education
* The nature of their jobs is that they must react to a lot.
* Social and emotional needs are getting higher and higher each year. Many students meet with counselors outside of schools.
* National Kindness Awareness Day is 11/14
* This school year they are focusing more on Kindness to Yourself
* They love feedback
* They are rolling out a new program – PBIS – Positive Behavior Intervention Support
* Wellness Wednesdays were discussed, as were other preventative meansures
* Conflict resolution does not seem to be happening because of so much focus on bullying
* Counselors follow up with the students being bullied, as well as the bullies. Bullies often have issues in the background, too.
* They are looking for $10 gift card donations to give to students who do good things
* Recommend the book “Middle School Makeover” by Michelle Eickhard and want to ask the author to come in and speak to both the students and the parents

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Dawn Papadatos reported that there was $22021 in the PSO account as of the morning of 11/8. Membership dues of $2980 were above last year’s numbers, and membership fees are still coming in.

Dawn did not yet have numbers on the 6th grade social on 10/26.

**PSO Council:**

Gloria Joseph presented:

* High School is studying new tennis courts
* More than $100,000 were spent on necessary repairs to Central recently
* All day kindergarten for all students is being considered by the District
* Location of new elementary school building will be on Oakes Road, about 200 feet from the road, but the building will not be seen from the road
* Will have separate entrances for parents and buses
* New mental health action plan is being implemented
* On 11/12 Amy Young, Clinical Psychologist, will be speaking at Chippewa on bullying
* Middle School is likely hosting a speaker in December

**Robin Coyer reported on CAPA:**

* Schools are a 100% tobacco free zone, and this includes vaping
* On Prescription Drug takeback day 250 pounds of drugs were collected and 200 cars went through the collection line

**Janelle Henning reported on Schools’ Foundation:**

* This fall the Foundation is advocating a new campaign “Giving Tuesday,” which will be 11/27 – the Tuesday after Thanksgiving
* Their goals is $8000 to be used for classroom grants.
* The Foundation is very committed to improving mental health for kids in the District
* Sip N Support is set for Thursday evening Feb. 21 at New Orleans Party Center in Brecksville

**Rebecca Cain reported on the upcoming 7th grade social:**

* On Friday, 11/16 with Halloween theme
* Tickets are $5 and will be sold 11/14-16
* Volunteers are needed to help at the event
* Cannot attend the Social if Gateway Registration is not complete

No formal PSO meeting in December. On Thursday, 12/13, there will be a PSO brunch at Busy Bee Art Studio. Brunch and craft will be $16

Meeting adjourned.

Ellen M. Kramer, Recording Secretary