**BBHMS PSO Meeting via Zoom**

**Thursday, April 9, 2020**

1. Pledge, meeting convened at 9:30AM
2. President’s Annoncements
	1. PSO Units partnering with BVH Lions Club to provide gift cards to families qualifying for free or reduced lunches
		1. Will be kept confidential
		2. Given out when lunch is picked up
	2. Back to school supply kits and Simple Solutions (summer enrichment) on sale for next school year
	3. Both B and BVH food pantries are looking for donations, be on lookout for information on how to donate
	4. A MS family lost father, collection ongoing
	5. Kiwanis Egg Hunt is virtual this year, visit [www.brecksvillekiwanis.org](http://www.brecksvillekiwanis.org) for rules and participation details
		1. Download coloring pages, post in windows/on doors facing street so passersby can enjoy
		2. Enter coloring contest on Kiwanis web page
	6. Virtual Book Fair is coming up, info forthcoming
3. Mr. Rings
	1. Schedule changes
		1. Video went out to students and parents (<https://youtu.be/bCrUdBGviz8>)
		2. Schedule was provided in last email blast (<https://files.constantcontact.com/8290759c001/95d9dd01-dc5f-400f-9f3a-b73da0ab6ba5.pdf>)
		3. Teachers made cute video, went out to kids and on Facebook (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wTRnsya0jU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0gr3COccrYbynC360xJIeNQO1wYqz8KAIRLhHHPP1NY9Ok17Mye4-_9dM>)
		4. Parents concerned about conferences happening concurrently, kids didn’t know how to pick which class to attend
		5. Teachers now pick a time slot between 8:30-11AM, sign up on master sheet
		6. There are also blocks of time for office hours devoted to each subject area
		7. Focus is on the four core subjects (ELA, math, science, SS)
		8. Kids do not like morning hours (work is turned in at all hours, even midnight), may have to make accommodations to be present for these meetings
		9. Cannot please everyone, teachers doing their best to calibrate level of work to average 2 hours (some days it may be 1 hour, other days 2)
		10. Please help ensure that kids are actually focused on work.. the 4 hours claimed to be spent on work may actually be split between chats and other distractions
		11. Reminder for due dates:
			1. Wednesday: ELA and SS
			2. Thursday: Specials
			3. Friday: Math and Science
		12. Teachers are given options based on what they’re comfortable with
			1. Live
			2. Pre-recorded
		13. Should not have multitude of assignments over spring break
		14. If they did assign, due on 4/22-23-24
		15. Asked teachers not to give them 10-12 days’ worth of work, maybe 2-3 days of work only
		16. Teachers will be taking a break, encouraged to turn off electronics and take a deep breath
		17. Do not expect too much communication at this time
		18. Encourages students to also take a break, regroup, come back recharged
	2. Grades
		1. Not issuing grades 4th quarter other than Honors Geometry
		2. That is a HS class, calculated into HS GPA
		3. Algebra, World Language, Advanced Science NOT calculated into HS GPA
		4. Would like to assign a semester grade, will take into account 3rd quarter and proficiency of work completed in 4th quarter
		5. HS is issuing grades
		6. PK-8 will be a mark of proficiency
	3. Miscellaneous
		1. Building will not be open next week
		2. If you have Chromebook/tech issues, help will be available
		3. LED house lights in auditorium updated
			1. Look great
			2. Very bright and makes everything else look dull
4. Questions/Comments from Chat
	1. Will morning/afternoon instruction topics be the same for a single subject?
		1. Not necessarily
		2. Teachers will assess struggle areas and go from there
	2. World Lang Teachers
		1. Reaching out shortly also
		2. Some already doing Zoom
	3. Honor / Merit Roll certificates
		1. Printed for 5th graders, will continue to do so for 3rd quarter
		2. For everyone else, it will be on ProgressBook
	4. HS classes not figured into GPA
		1. Semester averages will show up on HS transcript
		2. But grades will NOT be calculated into GPA
	5. Will teachers create a schedule within instruction time?
		1. Will put it on Google Classroom
		2. Link provided ahead of time
		3. Make sure user names are easily identifiable, trying to limit hacking
	6. Asked teachers to provide due dates in easily verifiable format
	7. Leniency is key at this time
		1. Proficient
		2. Approaching proficient
		3. Not proficient
		4. Need to demonstrate understanding of material, that is most important
	8. How and when will we get involved at HS?
		1. Work in progress with Mr. Ast
		2. May be in August / late summer
	9. Incoming 5th graders
		1. Working on virtual tour
		2. Will be coming in August / late summer
	10. Mastery of material for HS?
		1. Everyone worried and working on strategies
		2. Teachers working hard to ensure 8th graders getting thru materials that are foundational for other HS courses
		3. Identifying what standards have been met, communicating with next year’s teachers to ensure that review is tailored appropriately
	11. HUDDLE
		1. Mr. Rings has heard nothing
		2. Please contact Kelly Lazar
5. Counselor update
	1. Surveys sent out to kids
		1. 75-80% reported that all is fine, enough work, happy
		2. 6th graders in particular doing great with transition
		3. Counselors doing check-ins
	2. Weekly grade-level newsletters, trivia being sent out to keep kids engaged
	3. Here to support parents, students, staff
6. Vote on PSO Officers for 2020-2021 School Year
	1. Co-Presidents: Kerry Ely and Denise Gawlik
	2. 1st VP: Michelle Abraham
	3. 2nd VP (Fundraising): Deb Kuscevic
	4. Treasurer: Heather Pignatiello
	5. Recording Secretary: Teri Ferrici
	6. Communication Secretary: Dawn Partyka
	7. Council Delegates: Tracey Scott and Rhonda Strmac
	8. Committee Openings:
		1. 6-7-8th grade socials (mostly in the fall, can co-chair)
		2. 5th grade social covered
		3. 5th grade science club leader needed
7. Adjournment, next meeting is May 14!