

BBH Middle School PSO Meeting

November 12, 2020

Attendees: Kerry Ely, Denise Gawlik, Todd Rings, Teri Ferricci, Tracy, Angie, Beth Marsh, Brad Chase, Calypso Roditis, Cathy R, Damian Sopata, Dan Young, Elizabeth McMillin, James Frank, Jennifer Lloyd, Jessica Griffin, Jill Miller, Kaitlin Huse, Kara Houghton, Kelly Szwagulak, Ken Esber, Linda Crouch, M. Vlcek, Michele Abraham, Michelle, Noelle Bayless, Pamela Daiker-Middaugh, Petra Laszlo, Rachel Jones, Rachelle Reusser, Rebecca Cain, Ronda Strmac, Cristi Russo, Stacey Bram, Suzanne Brown, Tricia Culotta, Melody Davies, Janelle Henning

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM

- **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Honorary VP Todd Rings:**
 - Email from Joelle doesn't affect MS at all. We will still stay Hybrid or OLA no change to anything we are doing.
 - Email to 5th grade parents reiterates how they are doing 5th grade Hybrid. Kept lumping 5th grade as 4th grade. 5th grade isn't really following 4th grade schedule, but today's email formalized that we are teaching all four subject areas five days a week; math, science, social studies and ELA. Again, a lot of teachers are already doing this so this email clarified. Most of us won't notice a change. Will just get more science and social studies.
 - Starting to see kids not logging in as usual. Lack of participation. Please remember to encourage your son or daughter every block or class period they should be participating.
 - COVID numbers – How can a student or staff be positive and not quarantine? Due to hybrid people are more spread out and there is less contact. There are situations where staff isn't working with kids who got it or staff who don't leave their desk. Minimum contact. Please understand that when quarantining is reported when a case is reported as positive to Mr. Rings via text or email/call, they start figuring out what to do. They will only report a case when the child or staff is positive and reported to the school. The kids or staff that don't cause a quarantine they don't necessarily know these cases, example sports

etc. Only numbers reported through constant contact are kids inside building. They only take care of what is in the school. Outside of school cases are with Board of Health and their regulations. School will not determine who should be quarantined if there are people affected outside the school setting. This is again the Board of Health. After they get a confirmed case in building, they talk to the family – where were they at, when tested, when did you have symptoms. Mr. Rings takes a six-foot pole to classroom and where the positive child was at based on within a six-foot radius will be determined who needs to quarantine or who is around the child. Mr. Rings will then go to his office and look up kids schedules and see who should be quarantined. Asst. Principal will call the students down and explain why they need to quarantine, and Mr. Rings will call parents. They get a return to school date typically 14 days from when the exposure rate starts. Luckily if it's on a hybrid day it could be 7 days since last exposed anyone so no need to quarantine as many kids. Will also ask if involved in sports etc. and they put it in a template which gets reported to the Board of Health.

- When a parent tells Mr. Rings they are positive, they will go 48 hours before the 1st symptom to see who was within them in this time frame and they will have to quarantine. If they don't have symptoms, the 48 hours starts the day they test positive. ONLY BASED ON 48 HOURS OF EXPOSURE PRIOR TO POSITIVE OR DAY OF POSITIVE TEST.
- None of the students or staff that they have had to quarantine have come up positive. Isn't being traced back to school luckily. One of the reasons why they are staying open unlike high school because it's not within the school.
- Thank you from Mr. Rings to keep up the good work. Remember hand washing and mask wearing is so important. A lot of cases from Halloween possibly. Could happen with Thanksgiving. Please be cautious. Please help us all out to stay healthy and safe so we can continue to stay at school and keep sports open. Only high school not doing sports right now.
- A lot of kids switching from Hybrid to OLA. OLA classes are getting large. Starting Monday will start keeping kids on hybrid model schedule rather than switching kids totally to OLA schedule if you choose to move to all remote.

- Mr. Rings not sure if board will go back to the all online schedule from Thanksgiving to January. So far only high school and preschool moving to all remote for a period of time and Mrs. Magyar will keep looking into it and keep everyone posted.
 - Band concerts are on hold right now but will continue to look at dates later and broken into grade level with families only allowed to bring two members to the concerts keeping it 100-150 people in audience and live stream option rather than coming in. Maybe just live stream and concert. Trying to make things as normal as possible.
 - Up to each teacher where things are found some on Google classroom some on Progress Book. Hope is that everything is on Google Classroom. Working with teachers to be consistent. Problems posting grades on Progress Book but otherwise no problems with it running. Working to get it so they don't have to close Progress Book down when posting grades. Teachers doing good at putting grades in on a continued basis especially because of this type of learning. Allows students to make things up and keep up with work may have forgotten.
 - This Wednesday Javier Sanchez will be speaking Wednesday afternoon during wellness time. Mr. Rings will forward to parents. It's an asynchronous video and all students can log in and watch it. To guarantee they view, there will be some type of question for them to answer.
- **Presidents Kerry and Denise:** Nov. 1st through Dec 21st everything purchased online with Star Sports will get a Middle School credit if you comment it's through Middle School. Middle School appreciates the purchases!
 - **1st VP Michele Abraham:** Chalk idea for kids to do at recess to write positive messages. Will think about how to possibly make that happen. Slate for next year's board to consider. Keep in mind if you are interested in any of the open positions.
 - **Treasurer Heather Pignatiello: Current Financials** – Deposits for memberships and spirit wear. Council Dues were paid out. Money for Gifts and Goals also paid out as well as website. Not a lot going on right now at the Middle School.

- **Communications Secretary (acting) Michele Abraham**: Let Michele know if you see something out of date on the website that needs updated or if you want anything posted.
- **Council Delegates Tracy Scott & Ronda Strmac**: Recap of Nov PSO Council Meeting –
 - Yuletide Hunger Drive. Due to covid, the schools will not be participating this year. They are collecting cash only through December 5, 2020 which will be used to purchase grocery gift cards for families in need. Donations can be dropped off at either Brecksville or BVH city hall buildings. HS may be putting together a collection as well, but it's still in the works.
 - • Discussed new type ventilation system that will filter out airborne contaminants in new elementary building (\$100K cost) • Sent resolution to Ohio senate for Bill 358 (continue hold on vouchers) • Fair school funding bill – revision should be reported between now and end of year
 - • Hilton – 1 positive staff member, exposed 7 other staff members, building closed Thursday/Friday for cleaning and contact tracing, if any students need to quarantine they will be notified later today • Preschool staff member tested positive – New this morning, started contact tracing process • MS positive case – new this morning, tracing in progress • Number of subs needed and quarantines required will affect if the buildings can remain open or go virtual
 - HS Students Update: LLS (leukemia and lymphoma society) project 7-week fundraising project, competition between local high schools, \$70,000 goal, website will be posted in Mr. Ast's newsletter
 - Present. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gzmqV_zgEEblpgf2bev8VUOKlbLaLnS5qR6fY6_KoM/edit?usp=sharing
 - Learning Aid Ohio – supplemental support for students on IEP, learning fulltime in a digital platform, up to \$1,500 financial support for tutoring, eligibility - Ohio resident, student on IEP, fulltime remote, experience financial hardship
 - Learning Aid Ohio - www.LearningOhio.com Questions about the program?
<https://www.learningohio.com/faqs>
 - • HUDDLE lessons – reaching out to MS students, pushed out lessons through SS classes, lessons on tolerance, alcohol, tobacco use, prescription drugs, marijuana • Red Ribbon Activities – just finished up

week long activities, gave out pop sockets, screen blockers • Health and Wellness Fair – 176 event views, student participation, 310 virtual booths visited, 4500 views of information • Working with Metro Respiratory, did virtual news, link below to view – about smoking and vaping

<https://youtu.be/cK7kmNBi3Ms>

- Concurrent Learning Model Moving Forward In an effort to reduce the need for students to change between learning models when the district responds to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation in our community, county, and state (5 Day In-Person, Hybrid, and Online Learning), we will be transitioning to a Concurrent Learning Model at BBHHS for the remainder of the school year starting on November 2nd. This will involve all of our students, both In-Person and Online, learning together concurrently. Our teachers working with students through APEX provided an effective solution for learning when we were in a more static environment, however the increased levels of uncertainty and possibility of future change demands a more flexible permanent learning model. Learning Activities for Online Students in Concurrent Learning Model • Synchronous Learning (at the same time as classmates) ○ Live Streaming or Zooming (could be for part of or the whole period) with the teacher and classmates ○ Class configuration may include ▪ Whole group direct instruction ▪ Small group learning activities with classmates ▪ Individual breakout rooms • Asynchronous Learning (during the assigned period, but learning independently) ○ The teacher will provide an instructional video to watch. ○ An activity will be provided following the instructional video. ○ The teacher will offer an opportunity to connect virtually to get help or ask questions. Expectations for Online Students in the Concurrent Learning Model • Follow your schedule and visit your classes' Google Classroom daily • Complete daily assigned classwork, homework, readings, etc. • Communicate all concerns, questions, and needs to your teacher • Actively participate in concurrent learning activities (Zoom sessions, Zoom group work. Career Resource Center Our CVCC Career Counselor Specialist, Randi Borosh has developed this great resource for students and families to continue their career exploration and planning. We encourage students and families to check out all the excellent resources available on the site. Upcoming Dates November 5th - Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appointment) November 23 & 24 - Professional Development Days - NO SCHOOL

November 25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break December 4th - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Thank you for all the continued support and please let me know if you have any ideas or need assistance in improving the educational experience for our students at Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. -

Steven Ast

- Fundraisers o Band Citrus - Sale now through December 4, 2020. Selling ONLINE ONLY with fruit delivered directly to customers. Don't forget to give credit to your favorite Band Member! Place orders at: <https://www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/983582> o Robotics will be holding a Fundraiser selling December Calendar Squares (24 Days of Giveaways). They will pull a winner for each day in December. You can purchase tickets for the daily drawing starting this coming weekend (11/7/20) on the PSO website: www.BBHHSPO.com or Robotics site: www.bbhhsteched.com/fundraising
- This past month, the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Schools Foundation held its second annual Uphill-Downhill Run, virtual edition! Thank you to the 102 participants who partnered with us to increase mental health awareness. We raised just under \$1000, which will directly benefit our district's mental health initiatives. We also elected a new trustee to our board. Welcome, Krystina Thomas! Please follow our Facebook page and check out our website for updates: www.bbhsf.org

- **Committee Reports –**

- **Memberships Janelle Henning**: Membership updates on Facebook – 423 current members. Last year 480 so down just a bit. Some adds have been occurring since being kicked off of Facebook. If you would like to join back now you can just let Janelle know.
- **Book Fair Sara Albrecht**: Recap of Virtual Book Fair Oct 11-24th – Sales total of about \$600 gross not as good as last year being virtual but still a big thank you to everyone who purchased.

- **Adjournment – 7:42 PM**