

BBH Middle School PSO

Meeting Agenda and Notes – September 15, 2022, 9:30 am: Zoom & In-Person

Attendees: Todd Rings, Petra Laszlo, Joanie MacRaild, Teri Ferricci, Angie Vespoli, Brad Chase, Kelly Szwagolak, Mary Green, Sara Albrecht, Carol Durkin, Christy Crouch, Elizabeth Smith, Kara Houghton, Diana Garrison, Cheryl Gutridge, Diana Garrison, Katie Batcheller, Becky Claridge, Jess Williams, Fabiane Berlin, Lisa Galek, Sara Schultz, Janelle Henning, Fiby Tadros, Katie, Beth Yocum, Jill, Beth Marsh, Tracy Scott, Ann Koepke, Calypso Roditis

1. Call to Order 9: 35 AM Pledge of Allegiance

2. Honorary VP: Todd Rings

- Picture Day Monday September 19th. Will be in constant contact for pic forms and also sent home with kids. Please dress appropriately. Being called down during 1st, 2nd or 3rd period classes.
- Sprit day red ribbon week Oct. 24th through 31st combine with Halloween and costumes. More info to follow as it gets closer.
- Arrival and dismissal going very well! Thank you to the parents for utilizing busses. Only 35-40 parent pickups and they are out before buses leave. At arrival latest bus comes at 7:40 but hoping it will improve with construction to get them here earlier. Overall going very well!
- Auditorium update – still working with Kerry and Denise. Hoping board approves floor improvements. PSO and auditorium committee have enough money to take care of painting, carpeting, sound panels, speakers, and other improvements. Painting close to \$50,000. Working on getting quotes for curtains etc. and waiting on final approval from board. Seats roughly \$250,000. PSO committee raised almost \$150-\$180k.
- Clubs are starting up slowly. Robotics have 74 7th and 8th graders signed up.
- Looking for an educational assistant. 5.25 hours a day more or less hours possible. Just posted online today. Please apply. Parents are welcome to apply. Also need subs.
- Sadly Ms. Dickhaut is leaving. She will be greatly missed! Congratulations on her promotion to payroll in the district. Looking for an office manager to take her position. Year-round job working with Mr. Rings. 260 day position. Her job position is posted on the website. Will need to fill this position quickly.
- Hive allows connections with staff to kids on a smaller level. Also allows activities as well as reading. Nice to be in a more supervised manageable setting rather than in the auditorium.
- Focusing this first quarter for staff to build connections with students. Most important especially in middle school.
- Make sure final forms are completed and finished! Can't participate in field trips, socials, etc. if these are not done.
- Band members will be going to Cavs game this year! Info coming soon!

QUESTIONS FOR MR. RINGS ANSWERED DURING MEETING

- When is spirit week? Will be in October.
- Why are teams separated at lunch? Teams are already mixing even if they aren't allowed yet. The kids are mixed red and gold team. This helps with getting lunches to the kids. Red goes

first, gold waits then other side is released. This helps to manage having 200 kids in line at a time. Kids are switching so they can get lunch first, especially boys. Hoping once kids figure out procedures, they will allow kids to sit where they want to. There are many parents who like the team separation, and many who don't. The pro of teaming is that the core teachers get to know the kids very well and develop family relationships. Only 4 classes are team based. The rest mixes the teams together in that grade. Study Hall, Hive and Gym are together. They have aides now walking around with trash cans for trash at lunch. This gets the aides walking around seeing how the kids are interacting.

- Washington DC? Will be May 8th. Great opportunity for kids. This is an earned trip with good behavior in school until this point. Mr. McCrodden and Mr. McNamara run the trip and will talk about fundraising soon. Any fundraising efforts come directly off of that individual's trip.
- When is Board considering auditorium fund? Not sure on decision day. They will be reviewing and hopefully looking over soon.
- When can kids come in for additional help with HIVE being in school instead of EI? Fridays are a good day that kids can go with teachers for extra help. Study Hall, lunch and after school is also a possibility for help. Friday help coming soon during HIVE.
- If an 8th period study hall, can they leave early? Yes, parents can come in for early dismissal. Parents must come in to fill out a form. Once kids are known, they can eventually just leave rather than a parent signing them out. This is only if they have it at that time already. Please do not request 8th period study hall.
- Will MS dates be filled in soon on the district website master calendar? Mr. Rings will look at getting these on there soon.
- Trick or Trot info? Kiwanis will give \$50-\$60 per kid to be in builders club to help students sign up. Thank you to Kiwanis! Please consider being a part of this Trick or Trot. Thank you Denise Gawlik!

MS Staff Representative- Maria Schneider

- o Staff getting into school mode and off to a good start
 - o Clubs will be meeting and starting up soon. See handbook for list of clubs as well as on website.
 - o More info to share at next meeting!
 - Congrats to Maria Schneider for being published in Shape Magazine!
- Mrs. Gonter:
- o Please utilize the website for resources such as crisis hotline and other important resources for families.
 - o Open door policy in counseling office. Kids are always welcome. Also working in small groups with students. There is now a behavioral support specialist and onsite therapist from Red Oak Wellness. She runs small groups and consults with teachers. Also, an onsite therapist for students who need long term support.
 - o Mental health so important to Mr. Rings and the staff. This is the focus for the school this year to work with students and families for support.
 - o Going into 6th grade classrooms during digital citizenship. Topics include transitioning to middle school, goals, and other topics to support students.
 - o Other grade levels also getting direct instruction time. Hive is a great time for the counselors to make direct contact with the students.

3. Board Reports

- Presidents: Petra Laszlo and Joanie MacRaidl
 - o President Introductions and hellos
 - o District is looking for substitutes, educational aides, and special ed aides
 - o No longer needing 7th grade social chair.
 - o Spirit wear fundraising with Star Sports gym wear attire. Still can order for 2nd semester. Successful start. Dates to come. Beth Marsh is doing spirit wear this year. Key profits will start in next week. There are a few design ideas. More final info to come in next week.

- 1st Vice President: Theresa Emch

- 2nd Vice Presidents: Erin Naso & Katie Batcheller
 - o Fundraising Report - no fuss fundraiser will take place again. Very successful last year around \$13,000 raised. This year will be less with not having 5th graders. October 17th through the 28th fundraiser tentative dates. Asking \$25 a student \$50 a family but anything appreciated. Students get candy bar for donation and pizza party winner will be drawn. More details to come and advertising the fundraiser around the 14th.

- Treasurer: Lisa Galek
 - o Audit 21-22 Vote \$19,406.73 beginning balance ending balance as of 7/1/22 \$6,351.89. Motion to approve – Janelle, second Tracy. All in favor.
 - o Budget 22-23 school year. PSO council dues \$600 on budget but council approved to waive fees and pay \$0. Added two items to budget \$1,000 guest speaker and added a budget for a welcome back party. \$588 added for Washington DC trip which was money collected from 5th grade class pre covid and now that it's the 8th grade class, that will be allotted towards their DC trip. If any parents would like it to be used for another 8th grade overall item, please reach out to Joanie and Petra. Must stay with 8th graders. Motion to approve – Joanie, second Kelly. All in favor.
 - o August deposit \$2,830 in membership dues \$445 in donations with dues.
 - o Cheddar up individuals pay fees rather than PSOs. PayPal was very pricey. 2021 fees for PSO were over \$300. Can also still send in cash and check as other option form online pay. Thank you for cooperation.

- Secretary: Teri Ferricci
 - o Please submit volunteer hours to ferricci1@yahoo.com

- Communications Secretary – Michele Abraham

- Council Delegates – Tracy Scott & Linda Crouch

o September PSO Council Meeting Recap – please refer to notes at <https://www.bbhpsocouncil.org/minutes1.html>

4. Committee Reports

- CAPA oversees HUDDLE Jr. 8th graders that do different community programs throughout the year. MS does introductions at school and HS does SADD program and mentoring. Focus is drug abuse prevention, vaping, anxiety, and stress management. Promoting a team mental health summit on Oct 10th at Rocket Mortgage. HS to start a mental health program at the school starting soon.
- Star Sports is collecting used spirit wear and profits will go to the schools foundation. Also can bring in items to high school.
- Book Fair Oct 3rd through 7th. More info to come soon.
- Socials getting started soon. Next month will have more updates on these events.

5. New Business

6. Adjournment – 10:54 AM

Upcoming Dates

- October PSO Meeting – Thursday, October 20th
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