

BHHS PTO General Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 10, 2020 9:30am

Attendance: Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Anna Barlow, Paula Lynn, Natalie Finerty, Rebecca Zusel, Laura Silberman, Ghazal Ahmradi, Wendy Beaney, Laura Renton, Keith Peters, Stacie Swider, Julia Burnham, Lydia Farah, Bettina Boch, Teresa Pilibosian, Jenny Thai-Tang, , Jessica Rankin, Amy Goodman, Sephanie Gutowsky, Leena Shah

**Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting called to order at 09:37am by Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari

**Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes** from 01/13/20: Natalie Finerty & Laura Silberman

**Presidents' Report:** Anna Barlow & Catherine Danashevar

- Review of Executive Board and roles
- Staff Appreciation: Custodians will be honored in the month of February
- Upcoming March Progress Conferences dinner for staff will be provided
- Volunteers for The Dance were very helpful and created a successful event
- The Bloomfield Township police officers were recently shown appreciation for their service to our school.
- MYP Adjudication: Celebration Night on 02/13, ½ days for adjudication on 02/26, 02/27, 02/28; dismissal at 11:00. Sophomores will be adjudicated in pre-determined time slots.
- Need to fill vacant PTO Executive Board positions for 2020/2021 school year: President, Secretary, Social Media – positions can be shared by more than one person
- BHHS SOUP: Wednesday 02/26, 6:30pm. Attendees pay \$5 for soup and dessert. Ten student groups will present and ask for funding. All attendees vote for recipient of that evening's money raised to be donated to the group
- BHSD Foundation Gala: 03/28/2020
- Multicultural Celebration: Legends & Stories. 03/30/20 BHHS @ 5:30-8pm. There is still time to participate! Students can represent their own or any culture of interest. Dinner and bookfair is included in the event.
- 2020 Bond Initiative- vote on 05/05. The \$200M bond addresses security, facilities and programming for BHSD. See BHSBond2020.com for more details. There are numerous committee events and evenings to get involved.
- NHS applications are being emailed to students this week. Discussion occurred regarding parents being informed of timelines and community service requirements. Questions arose regarding documentation and deadlines re: qualifications for NHS. PTO Presidents reached out to NHS coordinators for clarification. Charlie Hollerith and Jim Fogle will clarify information as it is received.

**Committee Reports:**

- **BYA: Natalie Finerty**
  - Supporting U-Matter Week- March 23
    - BYA President will be leading yoga workshops
    - Real Talks- identifying needs of students
    - Supporting Staff
  - MOTION: \$250 PTO Funds to hire chair masseuse for teachers during U-Matter week.
  - Vote: 100% attendees approve. Motion Passes
  - BYA is looking for nominations for youth service awards. Nomination form is available on the website
- **GET: Anna Barlow**
  - Promoting equitable inclusive restorative culture
  - 02/13: High School Global Leader Training. Contact Melanie Brooks for details
  - 02/27--02/28: Dismantling Racism for families and staff
  - New cultural calendar, available on the website.
- **Social Media Report: Paula Lynn**
  - Students are not permitted to join our parent PTO page on FB
  - Please answer 3 questions to be approved to the group
  - Raffle Tickets will be sold at MYP Celebration 02/13 for current sophomores to obtain a parking pass in the school lot for their junior year. Tickets are \$10 each; money raised will benefit the senior class 2020 ANP.

- **PAC: Parent Advisory Committee** for special education: Anna Barlow
  - 02/18- Parent Meeting
  - 02/25- Parent Support Gathering
  - A question came up about who can attend these; this will be clarified with organization.

Principal's Report: Charlie Hollerith

- Advised all present to get involved and get to know the facts of the bond proposal
- MYP Personal Project Celebration 02/13 @ 5:30pm
- IBDP information night- 02/13. 6pm for freshman, 6:45pm for sophomores
- Blue Point Update:
  - Cameras in place on all stations. More cameras ordered and will be installed
  - Covers are on all the Blue Point Boxes
  - Facilitated dialogue with students
  - Parents will meet with Officers Cory and Dave re: reunification/communication on 03/09 6pm
- No Bells Pilot:
  - Follows the high school cornerstone: Responsibility and Ownership
  - 2-4 week pilot
  - So far, tardies and unexcused lates are lower than previously
  - Students, parents & teachers will meet with Principal Hollerith to discuss pros/cons of this pilot.
  - More details to follow
- Pathways (grades 11 & 12) for upcoming schedules
  - New pathways – Media Arts and Biomedical; and scheduling options for 2020/2021 school year presented
  - An IT pathway is also currently being developed for next year
- New special education section on the BHSD website
- Spring Progress Conferences are 03/11. Sign-up link goes live 02/17. Conferences are held on schedule only. Parents might consider needing to speak with teacher if student is doing well; this opens up slots for those with issues.
- Canvas Pilot:
  - A new learning management system offers communication with students, parents & teachers. It is used by many universities.
  - Goal is to utilize a unified system vs. multiple platforms e.g., moodle, google classroom, etc
- Math sequence: new options are coming up
- Twitter: @chollerith
- Instagram: CharlieHollerithBHHS

Jim Fogle- counselor

- Scheduling for 2020/2021 school year
  - Many new course offerings
  - Pathways available for juniors and seniors
  - 02/18-02/19 all freshman, sophomores & juniors will be visited by guidance counselors during ID class and given course selection materials. The green card, with a parent signature, and a screen print out showing selections made online in MISTar needs to be handed in by 03/09.
  - New Physics of the Universe class requirement for the class of 2022 and beyond.
  - Requests for online classes for the 2020/2021 school year needs to be handed in by 03/09.

Meeting adjourned: 11:32am