

BHHS PTO General Meeting Minutes **Monday, March 9, 2020 7:00pm**

Attendance: Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Anna Barlow, Paula Lynn, Natalie Finerty, Laura Renton, Jessica Rankin, Amy Goodman, Leena Shah, Amanda Pullukat, Julia Burnham, Jenny Thai-Tang, Barb Kaufman, Kerry Charnesky, Sue Brodsky, Debbie Guettler, Sandeep Chada, Lisa Efros, Megan Johnston, Fawn Chayet, Paul Kolin, Deborah Kolin, Diana Chen

Call to Order & Introductions: Meeting called to order at 07:15pm by Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari

Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes from 02/10/20: Megan Johnston & Deborah Kolin

Review of Budget

Presidents' Report: Anna Barlow & Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari

- Review of Executive Board and roles
 - Coming up in March, PTO provides staff dinner during Progress Conferences.
 - In February, snacks were provided for MYP Celebration and Staff Appreciation gifts for Custodians.
 - PTO Executive Board positions for 2020/2021 school year: Anna and Catherine will continue as co-Presidents, need a Secretary, members have expressed interest in Social Media (2), Treasurer-elect, Hospitality (1) but would like another and Student Liaison (1). Nominees will be presented in April with voting at May meeting.
 - Student Leadership won several Conference Awards.
 - U-Matter Week will be 3/23-3/27; schedule is out. Lots of incredible activities! PTO gave 2 grants: one for staff chair massages and one to support Real Talks – Natalie Finerty explained: students share thoughts about anything in a group circle, no pressure but with a professional present to monitor and advise as needed. (Paul Kolin) Last two sessions have had ~15 at each.
 - Spotlight: Nearing end of year with fewer things to focus on but still important!
 - Student Leadership – Hannah and Lindsay came to present their individual project: Wish Upon a Teen Prom and invited all to a brunch on Saturday, 3/14 11am-2pm @ BHHS Commons – just donate a dress, suit and other prom attire for teens with life threatening illness to participate in a Prom – all types of dressy and casual options and all sizes. Also working with Pistons – trade a dress for a ticket to a game.
 - PTOC: BHHS hosted district PTOs; reviewed Bond information – family event at Franklin Athletic on 3/13; Pancake Dash on 3/28 at Eastover with Governor attending; Census will be April 1 – everyone needs to be counted to ensure correct funding distribution; 3/12 first mailing, beware look-alikes fishing for personal details; Faith Communities will promote weekend of 3/27.
 - BHHS SOUP: rescheduled for Wednesday 03/18, 6:30pm. Attendees pay \$5 for soup and dessert. Nine 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 – Purchase 10 tickets for reduced price of \$75.
 - Multicultural Celebration: Legends & Stories. 03/30/20 BHHS @ 5:30-8pm. Everyone invited to this free event with 30+ cultures represented, professional/librarian storytellers, entertainment, food, raffle and diverse book fair.
- Fundraising (Amy Goodman)
- Sign up for Kroger! You only need to do it once. Policy was changed so that you only designate the school of your choice once and BHHS will get a percentage of your bill for free.
 - Box Tops: We no longer need to count and send in box tops. The receipt just needs to be scanned and any eligible box top items will be counted automatically

Committee Reports:

- **BYA: Natalie Finerty/Paul Kolin**
 - Youth Service Award winners have been decided; they will receive a tribute from the governor's office and legislators. Recognition on 4/27 6pm @BHHS; will be announced Wednesday
- **Sports & Clubs: Paul Kolin**
 - Girls Hockey after great season won first round playoffs and will advance to quarterfinals Tuesday
 - Boys Hockey after great regular season won first round playoff 8-0, lost next
 - Girls Basketball ended season in 1st round loss to West Bloomfield

- Boys Swimming have 7 qualify for state meets this weekend at OU
- Boys Basketball plays opening round of playoff game Monday
- Girls Gymnastics finished regionals with their best score 139.65/140; makes it to States as finish 4th overall; 3 qualify for states and 3 qualified to go to states individually.
- Forensics dominates first 3 meets winning all competitions; over 90 students made it to finals
- DECA team received 31 state awards at state tournament; 7 won state championship, and qualify for worlds
- Robotics team opened first tournament by winning safety award
- BHS TV and Radio station took over 15 awards at the Michigan Broadcasting award banquet
- Student Leadership team won highest award – “Award of Excellence as a Team” + multiple individual awards
- Bowling team ended season with girls getting Great Sportsmanship Award at the County Championship
- Thanks to POMS team as we honored our seniors on senior night – they had a great performance year.
- Cheer Squad finished 4th in their division at Oakland championships.
- Wrestling team had 3 qualify for regionals
- Figure Skating team finished 3rd in the districts
- Boys and Girls Ski teams finished 2nd in the region and qualified for states
- All three HS bands received STRAIGHT first division ratings for the first time!
- All 6 HS ensembles (band and orchestra) received first division ratings for the first time!
- All 8 Bloomfield ensembles performing this weekend received first division ratings.
- **GET: Anna Barlow**
 - Promoting equitable inclusive restorative culture
 - 03/19: High School Global Leader Training. Contact Melanie Brooks for details
 - 04/27--04/28: Dismantling Racism for families and staff
 - New cultural calendar, available on the website.
 - Students present to BOE to make Eid al Fitr a recognized holiday in May beginning 2021.
- **Social Media Report: Paula Lynn**
 - Conferences Wed 3/11 4-7pm by appointment; parking raffle for sophomores for junior parking spaces with Charlie drawing - \$10/ticket
 - Early release 3/17 at 1:08pm
 - Half day Friday 4/3
 - Brunch Dress drive Sat 11am- 2 pm
 - All Night Party – need volunteers
 - Graduation Lawn Signs – order through March, will be available in April
 - Meetings:
 - Boys Soccer 3/19 7pm Commons
 - Poms 4/14, 4/16, 4/27 6pm Commons
 - Equestrian 4/20 7pm Knowledge Market
- PTO website is updated every week; meeting minutes/slides are posted
- **PAC: Parent Advisory Committee** for special education: Anna Barlow
 - 03/10 6:30pm Defeating the Anxiety Monster – all invited
 - 03/25- 6:30-8:30pm Support Network Meeting – for guardians of students who receive special ed services in BHSD
 - PAC is working with Bond planning teams to ensure inclusive and equitable opportunities
- **Friends of Different Learners** (Amy Goodman) 4/22 7-9pm Knowledge Market – all welcome for support; good place to find out how to get tested/determine if student needs special services.
- **2020 Bond Initiative – Barb Kaufman**- vote on 05/05. The \$200M bond addresses security, facilities (safe, warm, dry) and programming for K-8 – not BHHS; providing community space within district. Currently, BHSD is at the bottom of millage level; with bond will be within bottom 5. See BHSBond2020.com for more details. There are numerous committee events and evenings to get involved. Concern is 80% of community don't have kids in school. Bond will address class sizes, curriculum choices, and enhancement to community services
 - Request absentee ballot 3/10, begin to vote 3/21

Principal's Report: Charlie Hollerith

- **Coronavirus:** keep it factual. If student is ill, keep them home. At school, infrared thermometer and masks are used to help control the speed at which illness is spread
 - Resources on website <https://www.bloomfield.org/schools/bloomfield-hills-high-school/links-resources/family-resources/coronavirus> good video and links
- **Bells** back on. 747 completed survey, 50% preferred on. Reviewed responses of students and teachers in detail. After experiencing bells again, some students wanted to take the survey again.
- **Canvas** - a learning management system offers communication with students, parents & teachers, tested by ¼ staff to replace 13 different systems currently in use. Dashboard has to-dos, feedback; Calendar with assignments – good for student organization; Learning Communities 9 & 10 will be connected so teachers can see other teacher assignments. Charlie will determine the minimum level that all faculty will use to communicate in Canvas
 - Rolling out for 2020-2021 with 3-tier training for staff/students/ families
- **Scheduling** – Due today; good Rate of Return! Counselors will follow up as needed. This is step one of long process that continues over summer to determine number of sections, schedule, etc.
 - **Physics of the Universe:** will not be a required course until it has been piloted and staff is sure that it is the best product; currently, may conflict with Pathways. Some students will pilot it before making it a graduation requirement
- **Teacher of the Year:** Matt MacLeod has been nominated for Oakland County High School Teacher of the Year! He is DP World Religions and International Studies teacher, Model UN Supervisor, and a Football Coach.
- **Emergency Management Meeting:** just prior to tonight's PTO meeting; met with parents and Officers Cory and Dave to discuss concerns and options for best practices.

Meeting adjourned: 08:32pm