

**PTO General Meeting  
October 8, 2018**

**Call to Order** (Laura S.) – 9:36am

**Attendance:**

**Review and approval of minutes:**

May 2018 – Paula Lynn, Natalie Finerty

September 24, 2018 – Neena Crimmins, Chris R

**Treasurer Report** (Keith Peters)

Less joining PTO not sure why. Got a few checks. Maybe promoting it would have gotten us more money. Less money due to incorrect amount on website – noted as \$10 vs \$20.

Grant opportunities are available. Please apply.

**Principal Report** (Charlie)

**School Security** - Dave, school liaison officer came in to introduce himself. Has office near asst. principal offices. Dave and Cory train staff and students on emergency procedures.

School policy on off school activities; caught drinking or vaping – falls under code of conduct. If police are called and MIP are issued school is informed. Falls under athletic code of conduct. Dave would discuss youth assistance with student. If WB police, we are not always notified. May hear from other police but not always. If BH Police Dave will get a report. First MIP's are now civil infractions. If parent hosting a party it's a misdemeanor. Okay for parents to call Dave and tell him of potential parties with drugs and alcohol.

**BluePoint system** – first day met with freshman to discuss procedures

**College Night** – over 100 colleges here tonight. It's for anyone interested; doesn't have to go to our school. Parents should bring students.

**PSAT/NMSQT** – test on Wednesday to all juniors. Will prepare them for SAT in April. Juniors 7:30-11:28am. Regular school day for other grades. Most colleges will accept either ACT or SAT.

**11/12 Design Project** – how to make it a more enriching experience for our students? Right now we offer - Capstone internship program, AP, IB and Model classes. 11/12 teachers brainstormed what to do in the future:

1. Does the program contain elements of student voice and choice?
2. Does the program build life skills needed for success in school and career?

3. Does the program connect to the real world and have authentic experiences?
4. Does the program have some connection to the community?
5. Does the program have clear expectations and guidelines?

Marshall Plan – speaking to career and technical interests. We have shortage of skilled labor. State of Michigan gives school incentives to explore. We are looking into as well.

**Mental Health survey** – given to family, staff and students.

1. Anxiety, depression, ADHA, suicidal thoughts (in order) - surveyors felt that this most impacts our community and your family. We have a quiet place – Hawks Nest – go to relax and refocus. Prevents parents coming to pick up student. Let's them regroup and go back to class.
2. Social relationship concerns – social media, bullying and harassment, friendship problems, social events (in order). Looking to do continuing education with students and families. First target social media then the rest will follow
3. Of the following family concerns, which do you feel most impact our community and or your family? – Mental health, separation and divorce, cultural difference, financial hardship, chronic illness (in order).
4. Of the following social relationships concerns, which do you feel most impact our community and or your family? Social media, friendship problems, bullying, dating issues.

Table talk – teach kids coping mechanisms, mental health first aid – staff members are taught to give tier 1 help. Guiding them and basic intervention. Some teachers are doing mindful training before class starts for 5 minutes. Yoga and Pilates classes being offered. Meditation, work on sleep rhythms. As parents, grab phones at x time, have unplugged meals, take phones in car and talk.

Tools for parents on social media coming next meeting.

Screenagers – Kirk in the Hills showing

Ourpact APP – set bedtimes for your student phones

Pamphlets and other resources can be obtained from counselors. Maybe put on counselor website.

School/district doesn't condone of Senior Skip days. It's considered an absence. If not called in unexcused absence.

**Parking** – total parking spots we have 475 + 12 not purchased. 333 are seniors and 142 are juniors. Last year we sold 402. Holding 41 of the 475 students to get their license. 67 juniors are on the waiting list. One parking pass per family no matter on how many students.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** – first night in Fall scheduled, 2<sup>nd</sup> night drop in. Do we want 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> night scheduled? (-) for working parents, new parent not knowing the ropes. Solution ideas (Neena) – do two days scheduled and leave one/two hour drop in OR leave one day scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> day not he will take to teachers. Put teachers name on both sides of sign. Time slot is 5 minutes per student. November 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm.

## **Presidents Report**

Grant review opened for teachers for student enrichment. Will be reviewing and get back after November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank all for homecoming help. Over 1300 tickets sold. Should we have ticket purchasing part of registration? (-) taking away from responsibility of a student ran event.

College Night – thanks for all bringing in food

**Sports and Clubs** – (Paula) JV Boys Tennis are undefeated, Girls Volleyball team going to District, Varsity Poms and JV has 48 girls and performed at homecoming,

**Make a Difference Day** (Megan) – October 27<sup>th</sup> 9-11:30am in Main Commons, all invited and all ages and can pack a bag. Doing weekend food snacks for Focus Detroit. Each school has a different focus and each are doing a financial focus. Help sort, pack, make cards... This can count towards community service.

**BYA** (Laura) – if you would a specific enrichment program. In early stages of planning.

**DAERR** (Laura) – position is open

**Global Education** (Catherine) – one in every building. At high school they meet on Mondays. Meeting is open to all. Next meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:45pm.

**ANP** – (Neena) buy your tickets. Please donate money and items.

Old Business – (Laura) thank you Uma and Janet for bringing baked goods and coffee. (Leah Abel) Multi cultural event – 2<sup>nd</sup> year, March 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8pm. If you would like to join the committee. Next meeting October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10m at Bloomfield Township library, Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, (Jenny) Marching Band festival -10 area high schools will be there. Free to public. 5-8:30pm. Concessions will be sold. (Allison Parr) International Theatre club, October 19<sup>th</sup> – closes at 10:30pm, \$5 for entry.

**Adjourn:** Megan Johnston and Jenny 11:07am

