

PTO General Meeting April 15, 2019

Attendance: Zarine Torrey, Leah Abel, Anna Barlow, Laura Silberman, Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Barb Kaufman, Keith Peters, Paul Kolin, Paula Lynn, Bettina Boch, Carol Greig, Jessica Rankin, Allison Parr, Nancy Luckoff, Robyn Jenkins, Erin Watson, Suzanne Fellows, Kathryn Paulon, Jenny Thai-Tang

Call to order: 9:44am

Student Leadership: IPO

Kaitlyn Luckoff – IPO (individualized leadership projects) **Student appreciation.** Use money to give back to the school. Black Hawk lotto. Spirit days for a gift card. Looking at Black Hawk socks. Carnival games and putt putt week before finals.

Lindsey Zousmer – **Wish upon a Team** puts on a Prom for kids in a hospital. Spa day held next Friday. May 3rd will be the Fashion Show. Dresses are donated. Dresses will be modeled for the kids. Event at Forest Lake. Prom is May 18th. 1. Dress drive held at Art Vans and organized by the Pistons, 2. Spa Day, 3. Fashion Show. Need to raise \$3000 for red carpet and stage. Fundraisings at Leos and Coldstone on April 30th 4-8pm.

Makena Torrey – **Color for a Cause.** 5K color walk/run for Beaumont Children’s Skandalaris Family Center for pediatric cancer & blood disorders. Starting at BHHS Athletic Entrance and follows a 5K route where you will hit 5 different color powder checkpoints. Race on May 4th from 11-1 pm. Race starts 11:30am. For smaller ones there is a 1K from (12-12:15pm). If you can’t come you can donate at <https://bhcolor4acause.wixsite.com/website>

Lexie Finkelstein – **BYOD.** Annual non charity park. Money raised for DDAC and DDR. Eight businesses will be there. Third year hosting. In past raised \$2500 with over 800 people. Will have a dog adoption. May 11 11:30-4pm. There will be a raffle.

Dom Yee – **Bloomfield Hills Art Festival.** A food and art fair featuring student artists, Bloomfield/Birmingham community artists and a variety of local vendors. Will have food trucks – Regina’s, DQ and Bigalora. Admission fee is \$5.00. May 21st 5-8pm. 100% of profits will be donated to Brilliant Detroit, an organization which uses a new and effective approach to promote healthy, stable, and school ready lifestyles in the lives of young children. Location: tennis court parking lot at BHHS. Questions: BHArtFestival@gmail.com

Eva Goldman – **U Matter Group.** Mental Health Issue. Every morning positive messages will be announced. Monday - murals will be put up. During lunch there will be fun games and a donation wall. All proceeds going to BYA. Meditation available all lunches. Week of April 29th.

Minutes approved from 3/11/19: Paula Lynn / Jennifer Thai-Tang

Treasurer’s Report – nothing to report

President report –

Spring conference dinner and thank you to all who provided baked goods

Catherine – presented slate for 2019 - 2020

President – Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari

Co-President - OPEN

Treasurer – Megan Johnston

Secretary – Zarine Torrey

Past Presidents – Barb Kaufman and Laura Silberman

Social Media – Paula Lynn

Committee Reports –

PK Sports and Clubs - Paul Kolin – PK Sports update:

- Forensics team – all 28 students that were eligible to qualify for states did which is very rare. State tournament 5/4 at Oakland University
- Robotics team – won the industrial design award at States and will compete in Worlds the weekend of 4/26
- Varsity Girls Soccer team remains undefeated and play tonight at 7pm. Community Night is 4/22 at BHHS from 5:30-8pm. All welcome, free if you wear a soccer shirt. Crafts, food truck, half time games, free t-shirt
- Figure Skating – won States in 2 out the 3 competitions and finished 2nd overall
- Baseball – just won a double header and won opening day
- Softball – won their home opener
- Track and Field – are undefeated to start the season
- Girls Lacrosse – Beat rival Troy in a classic 17-16 match in Troy. Play tonight at Lahser
- Boys Lacrosse – are top 10 in the State and sweep their matches over the weekend
- Noah Lopez won the scholastic golden key award
- BYA event is set for 4/25 – 13 HS will be honored and all are invited
- BHHS boys Golf – performed and finished 4th out of 22

Global Education Team – Catherine – need parents 30 -40 to be exposed to learn the principles. May 6th, 20 seats open to parents, to join 9-2pm, to Detroit River Region tour.

Social Media – Paula – for seniors: lawn signs will be distributed April 28th and May 18th, Tot shots due on 5/1 (any favorite moments), email address bhhstotshots2019@gmail.com, senior finals May 28th –May 31st. Email Paula items to put on Facebook vs put on Facebook page

Multicultural Celebration recap (Leah Abel) – March 18th. 2nd annual one district wide. 650 people attended. Next year may have in gym - can have performances in bleachers and speakers. 60-70 books raised for the event.

Senior All Night Party – currently have 210 purchased tickets. Need to get to 350. Sign up geniuses will be coming out for baking.

May is last PTO meeting. Outgoing seniors and ALL volunteers are welcome.

Principal's report –

State testing – good turnout. PSAT 10 and PSAT 9, and SAT. Accommodating testing going on right now. If a student missed it, next week they will be making it up. Results will be back

May/June. We look at progress from 9th – junior. Our junior class is 388. When you compare to senior class of 425 plus, we look at where they came in at freshman year to where they are now. We will track their university progress through Naviance also.

UMatter week – mental health is a focus here at the school. S-word was a movie that won some awards – talks about a suicide journey. Asked for parent volunteers to view before presenting. Should we share with students, if yes should we share U Matter week or in September?

GET – looking at student dress code.

No place for hate – week of step up day, we are making a banner for kids to sign. Staff and students will sign and will be hung in commons.

Student advisory committee – Charlie meets with once a month. How to be on committee? Go thought student global training. Student has to work with Charlie, meet at school during advisory, 1. Give up one advisory during the month, go through training, bring ideas to admin. and work for a better experience. Krista L and Holly will be working with them as well. Next month topic is parking. Safety in parking lots. End of a May, or first part of June, Charlie will send out email. Looking for 30-35 students. Training is one day.

Parent Handbook – key points to navigate your students experience. Interactive – everyone write down topic on sticky notes

Talking piece – article on “Its not just corruption. Entrance into elite US colleges is rigged in every way” – see article

Important Dates:

- BYA Awards – Thursday April 25th at 5:30pm
- Traub Assembly – Monday, April 29th
- Staff Appreciation Week – May 6th-May 10th
- GET Field trip – May 6th (9-2pm) The Detroit River Region history and heritage tour
- Last PTO meeting and volunteer Thank you Brakfast – Monday, May 13th at 9:30am
- Senior Honors Night – Wednesday, May 22nd
- Senior Prom – Thursday, May 23rd
- Half Day – Friday, May 24th
- Memorial Day – No School, Monday May 27th

Adjourn: 11:02am

