

**PTO General Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 2019  
Media Center**

**Attendance:** Zarine Torrey, Barb Kaufman, Laura Silberman, Julie McManus, Keith Peters, Anna Barlow, Leah Abel, Janet Salle, Paula Lynn, Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari, Natalie Finerty, Jessica Rankin, Suzanne Fellows, Amy Goodman, Allison Parr, Neena Crimmins, Darlene Moraitis, Principal Charlie Hollerith, Paul Kolin, Uma Lakshmanan

1. **Call to order:** 9:44 am
2. **Review and approval of minutes from 4/15/19** (Zarine) – Paula Lynn / Janet Salle

**Superstars (highlighting year end accomplishments)**

- Forensics: Eva Otrembra won Sales state championship – presentation on toy for Stem learning. Kiersten McCollum won for Poetry.
  - Leadership: Lexie and Rickie – IOP BYOD. Event this past weekend. Selling leftover merchandise (shirt/bandana) proceeds to Animal Dog Rescue.
3. **Treasurers Report** – (Keith Peters) Wants to raise dues from \$20 to \$25 next year. Majority seemed to support it
  4. **Presidents Report** – (Barb Kaufman and Laura Silberman)
    - Staff Appreciation – lots of people involved. Thank you to all that donated.
    - Vote on slate for the 2019-2020 school year – (Catherine) presented slate  
Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari and Anna Barlow – President  
Zarine Torrey – Secretary  
Paula Lynn – Media  
Megan Johnston – Treasurer  
Robyn Jenkins – Hospitality

Zarine moved to have slate approved. Susan Fellows seconded.

5. **Principals Report** – (Principal Charlie Hollerith)
  - Handbook – went over topics that were collected from last meeting. Tables broke out to add/discuss
  - Student Advisory – Meet once a month during advisory time. Email Charlie to be involved. Help shape policies. Right now there are 26 kids.
  - Principal Advisory Committee – made up of parents. More info to come in the Fall.
  - Mental Health – will be an annual event (UMatter Week)
  - Staff Appreciation Week – thank you to bakers and for the week events. Most schools just do one day. Thank you to Barb and Laura for all their support.
  - Phi Beta Kappa – no longer doing honoring for high schools just colleges. We have replaced it with a Black Hawk Honors cord (silver).

- Academic Honors cord – not doing away with it. Ok if special groups get cords like Forensics or other clubs. Okay for sports teams to do as well.
- Jostens – send three surveys (students, parents, admin) on recognitions in the classroom and beliefs around it. Feedback in the Fall on how we are being inclusive.
- Video on suicide – will be previewed at 4pm, one hour long, date to be determined. September is national suicide month. Will be previewed to see the application of it. If you are interested in previewing, email Charlie.
- Next year down 85 students for high school for registrations. Will make it up with tuition students. Bowers will be looked at as a program. Based on this we have to right size our staff.
- Calendar for next year to be finalized by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Next year, alternating PTO meetings from morning and evenings.

#### **6. Committee Reports (students attended meeting)**

- BYA – (Paul) Keep in mind to recommend for recognition for next year. Right now the counselors do it but sometimes they miss recognizing some students. Each counselor has 500 kids to manage. Reach out to Paul Kolin and Natalie Finerty for more information.
- Forensics – (Paul) Debra Moraitis (senior) went undefeated all year with perfect scores. Won State title. Category: Drama “Age of Consent”.
- DECA – (Paul) A business presentation club. Thank you Susan Fellows for managing. Katie Heath and Eshika Dadheech (both are juniors and captains for next year) qualified for Worlds. They competed and both placed 2nd in Worlds. Barb and Julie Frank will take on lead parent roles.
- Global Education Team – (Catherine) May 28<sup>th</sup> Different Learner Program. Workshop is tonight from 6-8pm at Doyle for Restorative practices. Two-day Restorative practices training session will have spots for parents July 31-Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact catherinedaneshvar@gmail if interested.
- PK Sports and Clubs- (Paul) ++ see attached
- Social Media – (Paula) May 18<sup>th</sup> at BHHS, graduation sign pickup from 10-1pm. There are also general signs to be bought that say GRADUATE. ANP 2020 ANP meeting will be May 29<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm in the Knowledge Center. Reach out to Julie Hirsch if you would like to be involved. June 5<sup>th</sup> first Senior Breakfast (outside) at 10am, pancakes provided and they will pick up their t-shirts. Need parent volunteers to help with breakfast. BIFF fundraiser raised over \$4000 for their fundraiser.
- Student Leadership – BYOD, (Zarine) U-Matter – well received by the students. Teachers did personal experience talks. Three students approached counselors for help thanks to the weeks efforts.,(Zarine) Color for a Cause – had 150 pre-register and about 40 signup at event. Waiting for final amount that was raised. Beautiful day., (Susan) Feastival for Fall – May 21<sup>st</sup>, food trucks and art to buy

- All Night Party – June 9<sup>th</sup>. (Neena) Thank you for help/bidding on auction. Raised \$3200 going to prize budget. First time doing an auction – thank you V2Soft. Only one item did not receive a bid.

**7. Old business**

8. **New business** – (Paul) hiring a search company to help us find a new superintendent. Will be a national search. Want someone in place by 9/1. Take an index card on what characteristics we want and need for a superintendent. You can also email Paul. Glass' last day is 7/1.

9. **Adjourn** – (Laura) 11:25am

Important Dates:

- College 101 – Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm (for this years junior class)
- Senior Honors Night – Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-7:45pm, BHHS Auditorium (ok to bring other family members)
- Senior Prom – Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 – 11pm, Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi
- Half Day – Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, no school seniors, Moving Up Day for all other students
- Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- IB Presentation – May 30<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Clap Out – May 31<sup>st</sup>. Managed by Leadership. Tossing of papers over balcony and walk out of seniors only
- NHS Induction – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm. Inductee list not out yet
- Graduation Rehearsal – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-10:30am, BHHS gymnasium
- Senior Pancake Breakfast – June 5<sup>th</sup>, immediately following graduation rehearsal (outside)
- Senior Graduation – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 12pm - ?, DTE Energy Music Theatre
- All Night Party – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30pm – 2am, BHHS



## Paul Kolin

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- DECA starts out districts over 1,000 compete to go to states
- States thousands compete and only a handful go to worlds
- Worlds you compete with thousands more only a handful get selected top 20
- Top 20 compete again to rank them
- Our 2 girls EE SheK Kuh Dad eech and Katie Heath placed runner up in the world in their category- they are captains next year and were only Juniors in the second year program existence
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- Forencis- Hundreds ciompete all year with the honor of being able to compete in states
- Kierston Mcclollum was one of the best in her category all year- and easily qualified for states with her 8 minute poetry public speaking category focusing on inequility in society- Krierston was flawless at states where she had to perform 6 times and won the state title
- Debra Moratis was the best all year going undefeted in her Drsmatic interpretation of "Life in thester" or the 3 T's as we like to call it- this year was one of the best displays of all time easily winnign states and at most times having a perfect score
- Eva Otremba- only a sophmore was one of the tiop in her category sll year and had a flawless weekend ast states and winning as a sophmore is one of the greatest accomplishments we have seen in a long time with her sales pitch on Kiwi and CO- a



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