

**PTO General Meeting
11/12/18**

Call to Order: 9:40am

Attendance: check-in on computer

Name
Paula Lynn
Leah Abel
Catherine Daneshvar-Ashtari
Lisa Cooper
Natalie Finerty
Bettina Boch
Janet Salle
Rachel Schulz
nancy LUCKOFF
Jessica Rankin
sherri nosanchuk
rachel margules
Jenny Thai-Tang
Julia Schenke
allison parr
Suzanne Fellows
robyn jenkins
Laura
Barb
Paul Kolin
Lisa Effros
Uma Lakshaman
Zarine Torrey

Review and approval of minutes: (Barb) Paula Lynn, Uma Lakshaman (2nd)

Treasurer's report: (Barb) copies here. Keith Peters not here to go over

President's report: (Barb)

1. **Grants** – For groups that don't have the ability to make money. Grants discussed with Charlie H. and Foundation. 12 requests came in. All will be granted full or partially. In total we have approved \$4500. One request is from GET team for a bus to see a speaker - \$500. Bus is for students, teachers and parents –first 60 people. Need to move the line item from the GET line to the grant request. Natalie Finerty motions to move the line item from GET to grants. No discussion. To increase budget to \$3800 to move so we have \$4500 in budget. Robin Jenkins seconded. No opposed. Grants will be published.
2. **College Night:** (Laura) Thank you Suzanne Fellows and Allison Parr. Thank you to the bakers. Nice showing. The reps appreciate the home baked take away boxes.

Principals Report: (Charlie)

Congratulations to boy's tennis and Mikaela Schulz placed second in golf, robotics hosted 1 of 3 all girl teams' competitions. 31 teams were here. Cinderella opens Thursday. Will see new technical items. Tuesday and Wednesday is progress report conferences. Second day from 5-7pm is first come first serve.

Q-communications – being sent out by district. Incorporated with My Bloomfield. Hear voices in a new format. Its text and phone. Will translate message to native language of home. You can access through MiStar. (+) the ability to see who has viewed your message, automated language translation, 2-way text messaging without the family seeing your personal cell number to name a few.

Capstone internship – need mentors and guest speakers, in or out of the community. Survey will be coming. Helping educate 11th and 12th graders on potential careers. We have three level of support: 1. Guest speaker to discuss on career, 2. Mentors – interested in developing opportunities for a group of kids, 3. Full blown internships. Open to all students.

Driving to School/Parking – students concerned with parent pick up and drop off. Charlie met with student that started the petition. Morning drop-off is the biggest problem. Brainstorming right now with township/county and security at school. Number one thing is safety and security. Mike L will review traffic patterns and offer recommendations. For discussion – three way stop sign, no parking signs
As of now - Main drop off is off of Andover Road in circle drive. You can drop off in senior parking area; for a while we cut it off. Okay to drop off in junior/teacher parking lot.

Mental Health update – (see flyers) Digital Citizenship. Tools parents need to help and monitor their student. Speakers: Stephanie Bevier and Rachel Matz.

How to Be a Good Digital Parent: Percent of teens that use technology – ages 13-17. 91% YouTube, 60% Snapchat, 37% Twitter. Need to be at least 13 to create these accounts. 55% that do are under 12 years old. Flyers on Teen Sexting, Cyberbullying, guide on Snap Chat and Instagram, Secure Passwords, family contract, apps to track phones based on platform...

Next month – Three “F” words teenagers use

Committee Reports –

BYA (Natalie Finerty) – deferred to Paul Kolin. Two new committees formed – recognition for students and community awards. Enrichment committee – just received grant.

Make a Difference Day recap (Laura S) – District on whole, for Focus of Detroit, packed up to 1070 food sacks and gave them 400 additional bags. As a district we raised close to \$10K

Global Education Team (Catherine D) – next meeting 12/16. Meeting only for GET members. If parents interested in restorative practices please reach out. Times to come.

Sports and Clubs (Paul Kolin) – boys soccer team lost in semi-finals, girls swim and dive competed in leagues – IM relay team qualified for states, football team won first and last game of the year, cross country – girls team won league title and won regionals by 26 points, finished 14 in states, girls volleyball team – lost in district finals, marching band – got straight A’s in fall festival, music department – fall concert, girls golf - 2nd in state Mikaela, team 4th in state, JV tennis team undefeated, Varsity – won regional and states. Won 5 individual titles. This Thursday, Andrew Zhang, number one tennis player in state. Will be presented an award. He will be playing tennis at Duke.

Social Media (Paula Lynn) – no report given

Student Leadership updates (Meredith Parr, Ari Singer, Dom Yee) – What is it? What do they do? Is a class. See BloomfieldHillstech team on YouTube for videos.

Homecoming Week – prep starts the year before. Theme, packages, Spirit Week, hallway decorating and homecoming dance.

Grade Fundraising – need 4 each year for prom. Two per semester per grade

Munchkin Mash – Halloween party for teacher's kids. Bounce houses, trick or treating, snow cones. Free and dinner provided. Success.

Charity and Community Service – last week did Coin Stalls for Focus Detroit. Raised \$5700. Michigan and Michigan State bucket – during lunches, throw in money and which bucket raises the most money their college song played over PA. BYOD – benefits dogs. Blood Drive – twice a year through Michigan Blood. Had 48 donors this year.

Multicultural Celebration (Leah Abel) – today at Bloomfield Hills Township library to plan. You can prepare an exhibit or help. Event is Monday March 18th at BHHS. PTOC sponsored event. Students are welcome to perform.

Old business – none

New Business -

1. Log in under My Bloomfield, left side to find school directory.
2. Princess Tea – 11-12:30pm on 11/17. Go to loodis.com.
3. Cinderella play – Thursday till Saturday, 7pm. Hershey grams to be sold instead of flowers to be given. It's a student to student fundraiser during school lunches and then concessions at show. Over 70 kids in the play/crew. \$3 per bar with handwritten notes
4. Sweets for Sweeties – at conferences. Sweets and notes for your student. Sold November 13-14th 4pm-7pm. \$5 for a note and a large goody bag, \$2 for a note and a sweet treat. Sponsored by junior class Student Leadership.

Adjourned: 11:26am