

BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PTSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

12/13/17

In Attendance: Becky Picone, Alissa Chilson, Cynthia Kerber Gowan, Linda Wilcox, Heidi Kerwin, Christina Pearson, Leslie Seltzer, Stacia Rush, Ellie Rosenbloom, Adrienne Markus, Manish Dixit, Tara Minor, Dan Goldman, Andrea Costanza, Jen Allen, Kathryn Kubiak -Rizzone, Wende Domm, Katrina Robinson, Densie Kotalik, Emily Minderva, Deborah Pulley

Meeting Began at 9:15 am

Deborah welcomed everyone and thanked FRES for snacks. She explained that she has been attending the Genesee Valley PTSA board meeting and has gotten a lot of great information from them. Alissa will continue to provide a copy of the bank statement as well as her monthly report at meetings. It is now required to have a second person sign her reports, someone other than the President, VP, or treasurer. Additionally, we are an advocacy organization, not a fundraising organization, so it is important to consider this moving forward. Deborah emailed some information about PTSA leadership and requested that everyone take a look at it in the near future.

Building Reports

* There will be a reception for new families in the district on January 22nd. Details will be coming. There are about 50 new families this year. The Family Resource Center is hosting it. Alissa said that we have funds available to help with the cost of the pizza. It was mentioned that the Salvatore's on S. Clinton will honor the pizza deal that the Monroe location used to offer (\$18/sheet).

SPED

Meeting tonight on SATs and ACTs, and will involve a discussion about accommodations for students who require it.

BHS

Several concerts were held this month

Staff Appreciation Luncheon on the Early Dismissal Day was a success, Dr. Hall reported it was one of the best!

The Leadership Seminar class hosted a blood drive

The class reunion for Class of 2017 is scheduled for December 22

College and Career Night is coming up on January 18

190 BHS students were named AP scholars with a score of 3 or better; BHS average was 4.06

CRPS

- School Picture retakes were successful. We had very few questions/concerns from parents. The retake day went smoothly. Class pictures are expected to be sent home around Dec. 20th. Our School Picture event co-chairs, Lisa Tellem and Mary Marsh, have confirmed that they would like to perform the job again next year.
- The art teacher, Lisa Jordan, is still in great need of help in her classroom; particularly on day 2s and 3s. Sonja George, the Art Room Coordinator sent out a Sign-Up Genius reminder to volunteers.
- We are in the preliminary stages of planning for the Square 1 Art fundraiser and art-making events to be held this winter and spring. We'd like to find one volunteer rep from each school to help in the distribution of materials to classrooms.
- Miranda Stefano, our Library Volunteer Coordinator, is working with library staff to try to set up a few volunteer opportunities after school for working parents.
- The Staff Appreciation committee is considering a "Be Our Guest" (from Beauty and the Beast) theme; using tea cups, old books and red roses to decorate with. Food could be French onion soup, French dipped sandwiches, cheese, baguettes, salad, fruit, crepes and quiche. They are in the early brainstorming phase, so this could change.

- Nancy Beck grant meeting has been delayed until January due to review committee scheduling issues.
- Due to date conflict, Lisa Tellem has recruited Tonya Jacobs to take her place as Ice Cream Social co-chair.
- Community service is prepared for upcoming Toy drive and in a good position planning collaboratively with Brighton Believes for community service day in March.
- CRPS PTSA highlights e-news has been finalized and we will be getting sent out to families soon via Tappon Times/email. We will have a regular "PTSA Corner" in the Tappon Times in the future.
- We are in the process of planning the January 11th "Let's Chat, Council Rock"/ Meeting with the Principal - topic chosen is our Extended Studies program at CRPS and we are inviting Ms. Wegman and Mrs. Yawman to speak. In future meetings, we will be trying to highlight a teacher guest speaker to encourage connection and draw more parents to attend.
- All Building Co-Chairs are planning to attend the January 22nd - Family Support Center/PTSA planning district-wide New Family Reception to introduce ourselves and welcome new families.
- Building Co-Chairs are confirmed for brief visit at the January faculty meeting. We see this as an opportunity to better engage with the teachers and make ourselves available for questions and discussions.
- We are in the early stages of working out logistics with Matt Tappon regarding a child care offering for next year's curriculum nights. Movie night in cafeteria?

TCMS

Mark Henderson, Chief of Police, spoke to students about pedestrian safety.

PTSA's ongoing drive for Puerto Rico is in full swing at TCMS. There are boxes set-up for collecting items in Atrium.

12/6 Band concert was a great success, looking to form a community band, see Mr. Myers for more information.

12/5 TCMS 8th Graders at the MAG - another successful event. 8th graders select a piece of art and act like a docent and present on their piece. Hoping to publicize the event next year so that more Brighton families can participate.

MWTP was held on 12/6. It was was forum on Technology. Dr. Mike Leiner, Danielle Edmunds and Rob Thomas presented. We may do a follow-up on this topic as parents were looking to continue the conversation. Meeting was well attended, it was an 8 am meeting and 23 people were in attendance.

FRES

Here's what's happening at French Road:

November was a whirlwind of activity at FRES! November 8th was our first Family Movie Night of the year. Many FRES families came to the cafetorium to enjoy snacks and watch "Beauty and the Beast". It was a night to remember.

The next week we welcomed the Scholastic Book Fair carts to the FRES library – there was widespread rejoicing by students and teachers alike! Book sales were brisk, and our volunteers were numerous, making for an enjoyable and relatively stress-free book fair experience. Hopefully some new favorite books were discovered by students.

Students and teachers enjoyed Thanksgiving Break and were ready to blast into December for more learning fun.

On December 7th, Blue Band and 5th grade chorus held their first concert of the year. It was a great event, with the chorus outdoing themselves singing a song from the hit musical "Hamilton". They did not give away their shot.

On December 13th, we will hold our second Meeting with the Principal of the year. Members of the FRES counseling department will present on mental and emotional wellness. It's sure to be a great meeting!

A shout-out is in order to our two FRES First Lego League teams. Both teams competed in a county-wide tournament at McQuaid High School on November 18th. Both teams did an excellent job! The H2Go team advanced to the Regional Tournament held at the University of Rochester on December 10th. Congratulations Lego Leaguers on your hard work and dedication!

**Deborah mentioned that the Robotics club is sponsored by the Nancy Beck grant.

**Tara Minor mentioned that the popcorn popper was broken for the FRES Family Movie night. Parents rallied to solve the problem, and it worked out ok. Volunteers have been improving the event (shorter lines, etc) to help accommodate the large number of attendees.

Update for Donation Drive for families from Puerto Rico, by Emily Minerva

Emily circulated photos from the donations. Eight truckloads have been donated and sent to various locations collecting items. Wegmans donated 300 reusable bags, Trader Joes donated 50 reusable bags for the families to use to bring items home. Scout groups also collected items (blankets...). (Emily can forward this report from Denise Marie (Puerto Rico contact)). Andrea Costanza suggested that Denise Marie be encouraged to reach out to other districts since many people are interested in helping with this cause. **It was mentioned that the school lost and found items were also donated. (Lost and Found items were checked for names before donating).

**Denise K mentioned that Rochester International Academy has refugees there as well. FRES selected them to receive many of their donations.

Picture Sales Report, by Leslie Seltzer

Sales are a little ahead of last year's sales. All retakes are complete. Only one phone call and one email complaint have been received at this point. The main issue was that the teacher pictures take time to get the names in the right order, so this not a company issue, but more of a school process issue.

**Alissa asked if the chairs could look into whether we are going to give us a profit check now or if we will have to wait until June, the deadline for parents to order.

Treasurer's Report, by Alissa Chilson

Calendar sales were great. \$1700 above projected income. Movie night made \$430 already, we have two more. Projected revenue from all three was \$800.

FRES Book Fair went well, but can't give final numbers until all checks have been paid out and deposited. It is important that all checks be made out to Brighton PTSA. We can't deposit anything else, and it takes time to correct incorrectly written checks.

Amazon smile made \$24.71. This is an easy way to make money, as we do nothing but receive a check.

In June there will be an audit for this year's books.

*Tara asked about procuring cash boxes. Alissa replied that she is still looking into it. She is researching the best style for us. ***Leslie mentioned that she does have six cash drawers (open) we can use any time. Alissa said we need closed ones, but we are still looking into it and will report in January.

***Jen Allen asked if it is possible to have a general paper goods supply for everyone to share from a central spot (including for the staff meetings). It seems inefficient and more costly to have everyone purchasing smaller amount. It was mentioned that we do have some in the supply closet and everyone can use the coffee maker. CRPS had asked if they could have less food and request paper products instead. It was mentioned that when asking for donations, they can ask for whatever they want. PTSA sponsored events can use the central supply, but meetings specific to buildings should probably not come out of that.

**After researching the cost during the meeting, it was decided that Alissa will be purchasing cash boxes \$28each, 4 for \$112b

Secretary Report, by Becky Picone

Becky Picone submitted June 2017s minutes from approval.
Cyndi Kerber Gowan motioned to approve.
Linda Wilcox seconded.
All hands approved. So passed.

Nancy Beck Update, Emily Minerva

This month's meeting needed to be rescheduled. The committee will meet in January.
More applications have come in.
**Linda asked if it is too late to put in a grant. Emily said that technically, yes, the deadline was 11/30, but since the meeting was postponed, that's fine.

***Andrea passed around a report from the whale experience at CRPS, which was funded by Dave Beck. It wasn't a Nancy Beck grant, but Dave Beck saw it and offered to pay for it.

***Denise mentioned that McQuaid has a first robotics team and they are inviting Brighton girls who are interested to join their team. The team usually works with the girls from Mercy, but they are not joining them this year, so this is a good opportunity for BHS girls.

Superintendent Report and 'Kev Talks', by Dr. McGowan

Dr. McGowan couldn't join us today because of a conference, he will be presenting next month on bullying.

Brighton Pedestrian Safety Initiative

Deborah welcomed Chief Henderson who is joining us today to discuss efforts to keep the community safe.

Chief:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss pedestrian safety.

Crossing Guard hours have been increased as a result of past community requests. This extension allows for students that leave school for a snack at 12 corners and return for after school activities.

A short video taken at a TCMS assembly was shown about the Pedestrian Safety Initiative in the town of Brighton*

Chief Henderson is meeting with BHS students in the near future.

The efforts are to prevent tragedy.

***Stacia asked what the crossing guard post hours are.

Response was:

7-7:45am

2:35 (one guard shows up 1/2hr early on his own) – 3:30 (in the past it ended at 3:05pm)

This length required a \$120,000 increase in the crossing guard budget. It is not a possibility to increase further at this point.

***Cyndi mentioned that the time extension is not just for the break between school and after school activities, it's also good for kids that stay for clubs immediately after school. Also, bikes on the sidewalks (because the street isn't safe for riding), so they aren't always seen as pedestrians. The chief's response was that the bicyclist needs to follow the rules of the pedestrian. The light signals are now lengthened to allow for walking/biking safely across the street at crosswalks.

**an attendee mentioned that a lot of clubs end at 3:20, so the 3:30 is a good time. She asked if all the guards stay late. The response was that the Greenwich one does not stay for the extended hour. This parent said that it is a busy area and difficult to cross for kids. The chief said that crossing at 12 corners, where the guards stay late is an option.

**A discussion was held about various issues related to the 12 corners area.

Monroe Ave is a state road. Elmwood and Winton are county roads. There are different funding and coordination for the state vs. county roads.

***TCMS asked that we be given the names of all the crossing guards so that the students can write them thank you notes. He will get that information to us.

Deborah:

Vote on TCMS library grant. We have had the grant request for a month. Do we want to alter the amount?

Ellie motioned to fund the grant for the full amount. 15 hands approve. Two hands oppose. The grant is passed and the library will be given a grant of \$3000.

FRES meeting with the principal is today at noon.

SPED PTSA meeting is tonight t 7pm here in the admin bldg.

The next meeting is Jan 10th, 9:15am and 7pm.

CRPS will be providing snack.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

***Adrienne Markus commented that the Brighton Farmers Market is hosting community wellness fair on Sun, Feb 11th, 1-4pm. Focusing on district wellness initiatives, and sharing all the information with the community.

***Ellie said that SPED the meeting tonight will be filmed and made available on-line. Parent comments will be edited out.