

BCSD PTSA Central Meeting
March 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Central Office Building

Attendance: Natalie Pincus, Alissa Chilson, Deborah Pulley, Wende Domm, Emily Brown, Stephanie Bush, Kevin McGowan, Andrea Costanza, Dan Goldman, Manish Dixit, Heather Coyne, Jacqui Liebman, Christina Pearson, Stacia Rush, Denise Kotalik, Tara Minor, Sangita Patel, Maranne McDade Clay, Leslie Seltzer, Emily Minerva

Call to Order: 9:32 a.m.

I. Treasurer Report (See attached), presented by Alissa Chilson

- Amazon Smile doing well.
- Hardship grants updated. CRPS none, TCMS used all on DC Trip.
- Building Chairs would like break-out of expenses for each building.

II. Secretary Report

- Approval of January Meeting Minutes:
 - Motion made by Alissa Chilson, seconded by Deborah Pulley. Approved by show of hands.
- Approval of February Meeting Minutes:
 - Motion made by Sangita Patel, seconded by Wende Domm. Approved by show of hands.

III. Building Reports

CRPS

Our Extracurricular Fair on Tuesday, March 5th was a huge success. We had more than 30 businesses set up tables and about 35 families attend. We're talking about making this a yearly event in the future, possibly toward the beginning of the school year when a lot of families are looking to sign their children up for activities.

Kindergarten and New Student Registration was Thursday evening, March 7, and Saturday morning, March 9, and it ran very smoothly. We received feedback from parents that it was well organized and everyone at school was very nice. Parents are excited for their children to start school in the fall.

Construction at Council Rock is ongoing. The building chairs and Mr. Tappon will continue to communicate any important updates with families on Facebook and in the Tappon Times.

Brighton Believes Day was Wednesday, March 6th. Thanks to our Nancy Beck grant for supplies and additional donations from families, we had plenty of supplies for each class to make their planned service project(s) to benefit various community organizations. Mr. Tappon awarded our wonderful Community Service chairs, Miranda Stefano and Heidi Vorrasi with the Brighton Believes Award in appreciation of all of their hard work that went into the event.

Ice Cream Socials are just around the corner in April. Kindergarten night is Wednesday, April 3, First Grade is Thursday, April 4, and Second Grade is Thursday, April 11, all from 6-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed to sell ice cream on a night other than your child's grade. If anyone on the board is willing to help out, please let us know. Our Ice Cream Social committee chairs are Monica Alongi and Jen Allen.

TCMS

Past Events

- For Brighton Believes Day of Caring, TCMS hosted 50 speakers from non-profit agencies. We hosted a brief reception where the speakers could enjoy pies from Special Touch Bakery and coffee from Brighton Your Day coffee cart, while listening to a select orchestra group play. Each speaker was assigned a TCMS student as his or her escort. They were given gift bags that included a reusable Brighton water bottle, Brighton Believes sticker and pen and some candy. All speakers seemed very appreciative and welcomed by the TCMS community. Students listened to 2 speakers each.
- TCMS book fair was held over 4 days, including 2 evenings, which coincided with concerts. It was a well-run organized event. We all liked the new vendor Follett.
- Gr 7 Activity Night took place on Friday, March 1. 172 students attended.
- Cookie Dough sale made about \$2000 for the Student Trip Assistance Fund.
- Middle School Learning Walks took place at TCMS on March 5. Eight teachers from around Monroe County toured TCMS.
- 8th Graders taking French went to Quebec City for 3 days.

Upcoming Events

- Gr 6 Activity Night is scheduled for Friday, March 15.
- Meeting with the Principal on April 24. Subject may be Vaping and Screen-Time
- Gr 7 Washington DC field trip is at the end of March. About 50 kids are not participating and there will be local field trips and activities scheduled for them.

Denise: TCMS ice cream social after band concert. Table for next meeting that this would be a new fundraiser.

FRES

Meeting with the Principal on February 26: discussed assessments.

Brighton Believes Day: made kindness rocks – motivational statements and pictures

3rd Grade Open House: March 3, with 5:30 ice cream social. Evening cut short by fire alarm!

4th Grade Open house tomorrow

March 19 – New Horizons Red band concert

March 21 – Family Movie Night – “Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library”

March 27 – Meet the Principal meeting in morning, Social Studies and Science Fair in evening.

SPED

The Peace Circle event for all SPED families scheduled for February 27 was canceled. Weather was terrible that night and only 2 people came. Jacquie had several requests for more information leading up to the event. We’ll try again in the fall.

BHS/SPED meeting will be held next Tuesday at noon. The topic is “Navigating College Choices for Atypical Students.” We’ll have a panel of professionals from Keuka College, RIT, and MCC discussing how to find the “best fit” college for students who may need something different to be successful in college.

BHS

Ham Jam, March 1

Brighton Believes Day, March 6

- **Over 20 parents volunteered in classrooms and sorting/packing area.**
- **Created 30 double FLEECE Blankets for Owen’s House and the Open Door Mission!**
- ***Made over 600 pairs of NO SLIP SOCKS for Owen’s House and Rochester General Hospital!***
- **Wrote over 150 supportive and positive letters to men and women serving in the military all over the world!**
- ***Made over 50 DOG and CAT toys for Lollypop Farms!***
- **Made over 600 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and bag lunches for the Open Door Mission, all with a positive/supportive message inside!**
- ***Collected over 100 jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Brighton Food Cupboard and the Open Door Mission!***
- **Created over 100 Make A Wish Foundation cards for young children living with terminal illnesses!**
- ***Collected numerous food and toy supplies for dogs and cats at Lollypop Farms!***
- ***Thank you to Nancy Beck Fund and Nicole in Food Services for donations.***

March 13 – Spring Athletic Parent Meeting

March 14 – Choir Trip

March 19 – BHS & SPED Meeting with the Principal; topic is “Navigating College Choices for Atypical Students.”

March 29 – Galaxy Soiree

Building Chairs and Event Chairs working on Springfest, Bash, Senior Bus Trip, and Quinlisk Reading Lunch

Blue Ribbon Spring Fest, per Sangita Patel, looking to use the PTSA funds for something different than ice cream, will get back to Board about amount needed and purpose.

IV. Superintendent Report (see report on website)

Brighton Believes – awesome day. Teaching students to be good citizens. Thank you to PTSA for helping with this, couldn't do it without PTSA.

Rankings: Niche ranking, number 1 in upstate, 8th in state.

Prism Concerts: awesome events. Able to stream this year and with alternative site. End of year band concerts will be outside.

Points of Pride: Division I signings, Model UN, Trapezoid, etc.

Discussion of Restorative Practices:

- Used at Community Forum: BoE member, Andrea Constanza, said it was a great opportunity to hear the community. Circle opens up dialog and engagement. Powerful tool for conflict resolution with kids, families and teachers, etc. Everybody was a part of the conversation. Finding this to be a better solution for discipline. There will be a report to the BoE at end of year regarding this.

Budget Discussion:

- May 8 meeting will discuss this. Presentation is online from last night. Looking at efficiencies, potential options, etc.
- Budgets are value statements, will be presenting choices to the community. See chart on separate Superintendent Report on Aid Disparity and Combined Wealth Ratio (CWR). Disparity doesn't make sense. Districts that have declining enrollment are getting over 100% funding. Doesn't show enrollment, SPED, and ELL enrollments. Situation isn't about extravagant spending decisions. Lean conservative operation. Comptroller audits always are good. Reality is districts that are losing enrollment are still getting more money than we are, yet we are the only district in the county that has growing enrollment numbers. Discussion of STAR checks.
- Budget Choices
 1. Preliminary budget – to be cap compliant, would have to cut \$2.6 million.
 2. Deferring debt service – but doubling the next year with \$1.8 million in cuts.
 3. Cap override – would still mean a \$1.3 million cut. It would be painful, but not as devastating as \$1.8 million.

March 26 and April 9 Board of Education meetings.

Thank you, PTSA, for support.

V. Other Business

Nominating Committee Vote:

- Proposed Members – Manish Dixit, Denise Kotalik, Sangita Patel, Emily Brown, Jacqui Liebman.
- Alternate – Christina Pearson

- Motion to vote on slate made by Leslie Seltzer; seconded by Deborah Pulley.
- Approved unanimously.

Lifetime Membership:

- 9 nominations. Committee formed.
- Members include Wende Domm, Stacia Rush, Jacqui Liebman, Stephanie Bush, Maranne McDade Clay.
- Induction Ceremony, May 1.

PTSA Officers will be sworn in at spring luncheon.

Grants

- BHS: \$1000 for buses for senior parade
 - Motion to vote on grant made by Tara Minor, Seconded by Sangita Patel.
 - Yay: 13, Nay 3. Motion passes.

- FRES: \$500 for DJ for 5th Grade Celebration.
 - Motion to vote on grant made by Denise Kotalik, Seconded by Stephanie Bush.
 - Yay 14, Nay 0. Motion passes.

- Fight for Brighton: \$211 for postage and envelopes.
 - Motion made by Leslie Seltzer, Seconded by Denise Kotalik.
 - Yay: 15, Nay, 0. Motion passes.

 - Discussion by Deborah Pulley regarding PTSA support of Fight for Brighton. We could sign on as a PTSA Unit. Could send a letter as a unit. Natalie to draft something.

Committee Chairs still needed.

Spirit Wear Sales for Spring: Diane is in charge. Rain jacket, baseball cap, polo shirt, umbrella, hoodies, in stock shirts. Add fleece, one zip. Keep design from fall.

Festival of Ideas: District event, not PTSA. Stacia Rush expressed concern that there was no reminder on social media or email reminder. Post on all the class pages on Facebook. Concern about choices for kids.

Donations for Shelley Fitzgerald, made donations for each organization the family listed.

Meet the candidates Night, May 9th

Board elections for 2019-20 Year

- President and Secretary will need to be voted on. Emily and Natalie notified board that they will be resigning effective June 30. Alissa Chilson and Katrina Robinson will continue on as VP and Treasurer, respectively.

Project for VP

- Alissa will send an email regarding fundraising committee. Meeting in April and May. Specifics on calendar. Beneficial going forward to have a structure. Meeting four times in the following year. If there are people in buildings who want smaller commitment.
 - Suggestion for next year from Denise Kotalik: Pie Day fundraiser. Order pies through Holy Childhood and then they arrive on Pie Day, March 14.

Vendor's Insurance

- Maria Vennete wants new one for each vendor every year. Sangita asking for each vendor for BASH. Questions from building chair. Need to ask about what we need for insurance.

Need more volunteers for BASH happening May 23.

Manish: Nominating committee, need to organize and have a number of meetings.

Next Central PTSA Meeting, April 10, 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:34 a.m.

Budget 2018-2019 - March 2019

Fundraising Projection

School Pictures: \$7,000 (\$7,596.45)

Calendar Sales: \$8,000 (\$7,969.46)

Spirit Wear: \$4,000 (\$2,383.66)

Art Sale: \$1,200

FRES Movie Night: \$800 (\$873.51)

Ice Cream Socials: \$1,500

Book Fairs: \$1,000 (\$1,189.97)

Community Fundraisers: \$1,500

 Food Truck Rodeo: (\$1,171.54)

 Amazon Smile: (\$101.72)

 Qdoba: (\$482.46)

Total: \$25,200

Checking: \$30,834.63

Savings: \$22,258.30

Class Accounts: '23: \$3,540.96 '24: \$2,865. '25: \$1,098.53

Obligations & Allocations

Hardship Grants: \$10,000 – (CRPS: \$2000, FRES: \$2248, TCMS: \$2552, BHS: \$3200)

Author Visits: \$3,000 (\$3,000)

Membership Dues: \$3,200 (\$1,957.00)

Building Funds: \$1,650 - BHS \$600 (\$483.83), TCMS \$300 (\$72.92), FRES \$300 (\$47.10), CRPS \$300 (\$52.00), SPED \$150

Grants: \$4,000 (\$1197.16 to ACE and Brighton Believes Day)

Central PTSA: \$400

- Donations/Sunshine
- BOE Appreciation Night (\$200 to Brighton Food Cupboard)
- Miscellaneous

Fun Food Friday/Tasty Tuesday: \$550

- FRES: \$300
- CRPS: \$250 (\$118.44)

Staff Appreciation: \$1500 (\$2 per person) BHS: \$283.13, SPED: \$37.48

Scholarship: \$1000

Life Membership Awards & Ceremony: \$700

Retirement Gifts: \$550

Software: \$500

Postage: \$225

Printing: \$300

Bank Fees: \$250 (\$35)

Tax Prep: \$500 (\$500)

Insurance: \$900

Total: \$29,225

Updated as of:									
3/11/2019 0:00					PTSA Hardship Grants				
					2018-19				
					BHS	TCMS	CRPS	FRES	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2018					6.75	-	34.00	819.00	
Add: Funding from PTSA	CR 000496 (09/24/18)				3,200.00	2,552.00	2,000.00	2,248.00	
Total Available					3,206.75	2,552.00	2,034.00	3,067.00	
Disbursement Requests	Date	Request #	Requestor	# of Students					
BHS (TA032.02)									
Driver's Ed		BHS-1	J. Viggiani	1	100.00				
Driver's Ed		BHS-2	K. Crowley	1	75.00				
College Writing - Community Ed		BHS-3	K. Crowley	1	85.00				
College Writing - Community Ed		BHS-4	K. Crowley	1	85.00				
College Writing - Community Ed		BHS-5	K. Donohue	1	84.00				
College Writing - Community Ed		BHS-6	K. Donohue	1	84.00				
Disney		BHS-7	H. Ulistica	1	100.00				
Disney		BHS-8	K. Crowley	1	100.00				
Disney		BHS-9	S. Staebell	1	150.00				
Whale Watch		BHS-10	M. Frivera Fouche	1	450.00				
EMCC Criminal Justice trip to Disney		BHS-11	Courtney Stern	1	150.00				
NYSTEAT Theatre Conference		BHS-12	Courtney Stern	1	150.00				
Mountain Bound		BHS-13	Sarah Jacob	1	225.00				
Driver's Ed		BHS-14	H. Juliano	1	50.00				
TCMS (TA032.03)									
DC Trip		TCMS-1	R. Thomas	27		2,552.00			
FRES (TA032.06)									
Chorus T-Shirts		FRES-1	M. Opett	1				5.25	
YMCA Class		FRES-2	M. Opett	1				56.00	
CRPS (TA032.05)									
Total Disbursement Requests					\$ 1,888.00	\$ 2,552.00	\$ -	\$ 61.25	
Net available as of June 30, 2019					43	\$ 1,318.75	\$ -	\$ 2,034.00	\$ 3,005.75