



Central PTSA Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 @ 7pm

Central Admin Bldg, Board Room and Zoom (link below)

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PRESENT IN PERSON:

Stephanie Bush, Monica Alongi, Robin Samper, Melissa Stalloff, Emmylou Duell, Melanie Wolk, Clair McLaughlin, Karen Hatch, Dan Goldman, Leslie Seltzer

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Antonette Asbury, Johnita Anthony, Kelsey Rinella, Patty Singh, Tomicka Wagstaff, Valerie Bodkin, Deborah Morin, Dr. Kevin McGowan

Welcome [Leslie and Monica]

- Meeting called to order @ 7:04pm

Secretary's Report [Stephanie]

- Approval of November 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes (one correction made- spelling error in TCMS report)
 - Motion made to approve by Melissa Stalloff, 2nd by Melanie= minutes approved by majority vote.

Superintendent's Report - School Updates

Update from Dr. McGowan:

- New Athletic Director starting in January (Mark Kress)
- Discussion about upcoming Capital Project vote; the vote will be on 2/7/24- this would align better with bidding timing (construction wouldn't actually start for about 2 years from vote).
 - There will be no tax increase.
 - Parking lot (High School), fields (artificial turf on back fields), music/tech (music suites @ HS), elevator (front of the HS), nuts and bolts (HVAC, boiler, roof etc.), safety (safe entries etc.).
- 1/31/24 there will be a presentation in the boardroom at admin. building (evening meeting).

FAB (Friends of the Arts in Brighton)- Claire McLauchlin

- New resources available for students:
 - Clothing drive in November and December for concerts (vocal, instrumental etc.); gathered close to 350 items- turned into lending closets in the schools (FRES outside cafetorium (labeled as concert clothing), TCMS in the practice room #3 across from the band room, BHS two racks in the chorus room). Students can reach out to teacher(s) or school staff. This is a renewable resource to be shared when/as needed to whoever needs it. FRES may look into moving the place so that it doesn't get confused with lost and found. Donations can be collected year round- another promoted drive will go out in the spring. Music teachers have been letting the students know about the availability. Anyone can always contact FAB for questions/donations etc.:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheartsinbrighton>
 - FAB.BCSD@gmail.com

Building Reports

SPED (Special Education)- **no report**

DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) - **no report**

CRPS (Council Rock Primary School) - **Report received**

Past Events

- Hospitality provided snacks for the November and December Staff Meetings. Thank you to our chairs Gillian Bemont and Meghan Gianfori for setting up the Thanksgiving spread and hot cocoa bar. They couldn't have pulled it off without all of the generous family donations.
- Our Community Service Chairs Kevin Chernenkloff and Katie Hess were able to collect several winter wear items for the Store House at Asbury First as well as the Brighton community to help people stay warm this winter. Thank you to our generous families for the donations.
- School Pictures Retake Day- Thanks to Jamie Riter who ran Retake Day!
- Movie Nights- We secured a sponsor- School of Rock and hosted First Grade Movie Night in November (Elemental) and Second Grade Movie Night in December (Super Mario

Brothers). Thanks to our Movie Night Chairs Lucas Barber and Emily Farnsworth. We had PTSA volunteers help with concessions- popcorn, pizza, drinks and candy.

- Square One Art- Thank you to our Art Room Chair Jim Coburn for kicking this off. Packets and information were shared so families could do this as a project at home and upload and order their art online.
- Fun Food Friday-December 15th (seaweed snack) and Recycle Helpers is ongoing.

Upcoming Events

- Community Service Book and Toy Drive- 1/8-1/19
- Yearbook- encouraging teachers to take and share photos.
- Library- parents have been volunteering in the library.
- Fun Food Friday in January

FRES (French Road Elementary School) - **Report received**

Past Events

- Our hospitality chair, Cate Fitzpatrick, organized and delivered cupcakes and hot cocoa as a special treat for faculty and staff this week.
- We ran a donation drive and asked families to donate in honor of a staff member or teacher. We delivered handwritten notes with a sweet treat to those who were honored with a donation.
- December 15 was Fun Food Friday - we served

Upcoming Events

- Our second round of Bingo begins in January.

- We are beginning to brainstorm with administration and team leaders for Brighton Believes Day.

Other News

- We are continuing to create and display “Spotlight on Staff” posters.
- Thank you to Jenine Cundy (and her mom) for doing a fall courtyard cleanup.
- We are working to consider new options for family engagement, as our meetings with the principal have not been well attended.

TCMS (Twelve Corners Middle School) - **Report received**

Events Held

- 11/15: Meeting with the Principal was a co-meeting shared with BHS principal Dr. Hall about vaping and e-cigarettes;
 - Social worker Lance Mitchell and UPMC medical professional Dr. Sue Gasparino joined the discussion
- 8th grade fall activity night was held 12/8 with a pajama theme; good turnout- 130 students; a huge thank you to the event chairs, Tara Wisemand and Noy Cohen.
- We supplied snacks and treats for the 11/20 faculty meeting- thank you to chairs Aimée and Myeasha!

Upcoming Events

- We are reaching out to parents for ideas about a topic for the January TCMS Meeting with the Principal
- There will be no faculty meeting this month
 - Hospitality chair Aimée will supply 150 thank you treats with notes of gratitude for the TCMS staff. They will be stuffed into the mailboxes on Friday 12/22; a big thank you to chair Aimée Senise Connors

Other Items

- TCMS Book Fair committee met to discuss how to proceed forward with hosting a book fair.
 - TCMS librarian Katie Lambert met with the committee to discuss ways to create a more equitable and potential revisioning of the Book Fair which has historically been lots of work without a great return
 - Katie suggested a book vending machine which she saw at a convention she recently attended which would offer free books for students in a vending machine; could be rewards for good behavior/choices, etc.
 - The committee met to ideate and discuss logistics like, who would own it, who would maintain it, who would fundraise for it, how would it be filled with books?

BHS (Brighton High School) - Report received

Events for Nov.-Dec.

- PTSA meeting with the principal was Nov. 15th. Topic was vaping and E- cigarette use among teens. Speakers included: Dr. Hall, Ms. Edmunds, Lance Mitchell, and Dr. Susan Gasparino. Approx 15-20 people in attendance, and many inquired about the recording to view at a later time.
- Hospitality provided homemade apple pies and cider for staff meeting on November 20th, many thanks to Soma Chengular for a great event
- PTSA volunteered to serve ice cream at the staff meeting on December 11th
- BHS Class of 2023 Reunion to be held on December 22nd in the BHS Cafeteria, PTSA providing cookies from Insomnia cookies, and punch. We will be attempting to collect graduation lawn signs and spirit wear to recycle. Thanks to Leslie Seltzer for running this event

Upcoming events

- Planning for Brighton Believes day
- Our next BHS meeting with the principal is January 17th

Treasurer's Report - Report attached

- Melissa Staloff and Emmylou Duell would like to switch PTSA roles, Melissa Staloff to serve out the remainder of the Treasurer position, and Emmylou Duell to serve out the remainder of the FRES building chair position= Motion to approve new roles by Melanie Wolk, second by Valerie Bodkin; vote passed/approved by majority vote.
- Current Report (December 2023 report)- motion to approve by Melanie Wolk and second by Kelsey Rinella= approved by majority vote.

Committee News

- Fundraising
 - Barnes and Noble fundraiser made over \$900 (this will be used to buy gift cards for retirees).
 - School supplies- talking to the principals about the supplies that will be offered.
 - Plans are underway for 5K, silent auction- anyone interesting in being part of the subcommittee for any event, please reach out to Monica Alongi (m.alongi1017@gmail.com)
- Nancy Beck
 - Nancy Beck- deadline to submit application is extended to 1/12/24; not many applications submitted yet.
- Spirit wear
 - No updates

New Business

- Dodgeball; PTSA will be entering and will be putting together a team. Anyone interested in joining the team please reach out to Leslie Seltzer(seltzmama28@gmail.com).

Open Discussion

- Question about MLK day: Are any of the schools doing/planning anything- or planned district wide?
 - Have not heard of anything, but Leslie will reach out and will also connect with DEI

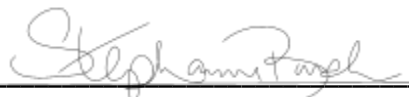
Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 1/10/24 @ 9:30am, BCSD Admin Building (and Zoom)-
TCMS building chairs to provide meeting snack(s)

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December 20, 2023 minutes approved 1/10/24.

Signature  Date 1/10/24
PTSA secretary Stephanie Bush