



Central PTSA Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 9:30am

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

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Welcome [Leslie and Monica] - Meeting called to order at 9:35am

PRESENT IN PERSON:

Stephanie Bush, Monica Alongi, Valerie Bodkin, Emmylou Duell, Jennifer Ellickson, Mark Kress, Karen Hatch, Dan Goldman, Leslie Seltzer, Kevin McGowan

PRESENT VIA ZOOM:

Johnita Anthony, Kelsey Rinella, Tara Josefiak, Meghan Frin Gianforti, Stacia Rush

Secretary's Report [Stephanie]

- Approval of December 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes by Valerie Bodkin ; second by Emmylou Duell; mins approved by vote/majority.

Superintendent's Report - School Updates

- Mark Kress, new Athletic Director present; looking forward to working with coaches and families, helping kids become successful and make connections early.
- Budget
 - Governor's proposal comes out next week.
 - District isn't looking to add a lot, but not looking to cut either.
 - Looking at students needs going through next year
 - End of the month will be putting out a new budget proposal.
 - Project vote is 2/7- regarding the back turf fields; office relocation at TCMS; secure entryways at each building; redesigning bus loops/drop off; HVAC; traffic light at BHS parking lot and expanding parking lot that district owns from the church. Project referendum can be presented/put up to vote anytime of year, and is being proposed this time of year to get ahead of the construction season.
- Memory Mission
 - Dr. McGowan is heading to Guatemala next week with other educators to help build classrooms with

indigenous people. Would like to see if there is a way to incorporate this program with Brighton Believes, will report back after the trip.

- Title change: Lou Alaimo's title has changed to Deputy Superintendent (change in title only, he has been working in this capacity).
- Calendar
 - BOCES calendar will be available soon, voting will be in February; next year's calendar will be the first year Diwali and Chinese New Year are added (although Chinese New Year will fall on weekend).
- Science of Reading
 - Becoming a bigger conversation nationally; NYS Governor doesn't control curriculum, and therefore does not have a mandated state curriculum. Science of Reading is a departure from past thinking, new thinking focuses a lot on phonics (we're already way down this road, and have been heading this direction for the last 5-6 years).
- Blueprint Updates on Academic Excellence is available online.
- Handout passed out on the 2023-2024 Phase II Capitol Project At-A-Glance (will include in mins).

Building Reports

- SPED (Special Education) - no report received
- DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) - no report received

CRPS (Council Rock Primary School)

Past Events

- N/A

Upcoming Events

- 1/8-1/19 Community Service Book and Toy Drive
- 1/10: We are hosting a Meeting with the Principal
- 1/18: Incoming Kindergarten Information Night. We will have a CRPS PTSA building chair there to talk about the PTSA Yearbook - encouraging teachers to take and share photos.
- Library - parents have been volunteering in the library.
- Fun Food Friday - January (local pumpkin seeds) and Recycle Helpers is ongoing.

FRES (French Road Elementary School)

Past Events

- Lost and found was cleared out and clothing donated to First Asbury Church Storehouse. Brighton specific items were kept aside and will be donated to Bruins Closet. (All winter clothes were kept in case they can still be claimed)
- Donations in honor of staff brought in about \$100 in December.

Upcoming Events

- Our second round of Bingo begins in January (the 3rd grade BINGO that was canceled due to the wind storm will be rescheduled).
- We are beginning to brainstorm with administration and team leaders for Brighton Believes Day. The goal is to have a specific activity at each grade level that will be repeated each year.
- Fun Food Friday is January 19th - FRES is coordinating with Council Rock and kids will be trying pepitas.

Other News

- FRES family movie night is 2/15 - movie is The Bad Guys
- 2nd grade crossover night- 6/4/24- will be doing Bingo instead of movie night. Principal Coggins to meet with parents/families while kids are doing Bingo. End evening on the playground. Will recruit 3rd and 4th graders to help with Bingo.
- We are working to consider new options for family engagement, as our meetings with the principal have not been well attended.
- The yearbook winner and top 4 runners up will be presented with a poster of their design in January.
- Ice Cream Socials - May 2024- Can we buy large 3 gallon containers of ice cream and run the event ourselves vs using a vendor?
 - Per Karen Hatch, we are not able to use the rolling freezers; Food Services indicates it's against NYS food services.

TCMS (Twelve Corners Middle School)

Events Held

- Hospitality chair Aimée supplied 150 thank you treats with notes of gratitude for the TCMS staff. They were stuffed into mailboxes on Friday 12/22; a huge thank you to chair Aimée Senise Conners! (photos below)



(TCMS hospitality treats for staff)

Upcoming Events

- Meeting with the Principal will be held Wed, Jan 17 at 12 pm with TCMS Principal Edmunds and guest speakers Greg Hall from Qustodio, a technological device monitoring app, AND Stacy Cogle, BCSD's 6-12 instructional technology coach. Discussion will be about student device monitoring and district instructional tools.
- 1/23- Information night for incoming 6th graders in 2024 for parents
- 6th grade Activity Night is upcoming 2/2

BHS (Brighton High School)

- The class of 2023 reunion took place since the last meeting, but we'll let Leslie speak to that.
 - Leslie says it was slow, historically has been- Tom Hall would like to reimagine this to get more involvement.
- We're planning for Brighton Believes Day (and would like to thank CRPS for saying that letters from high schoolers would be welcomed by their students).
- We have an upcoming meeting with the principal via zoom on January 17 at noon and 7pm about *course selection and program planning*, so I'm looking forward to that as a parent as well as building chair, and hope others will be tuning in, as well.
- There's lots of other great events coming at BHS involving other groups, so PTSA is mostly taking it easy.
 - This Friday is both Acapalooza and the art show, which is worth mentioning because it's when I plan to photograph art for use in the calendar. So it gives me a good opportunity to remind everyone that we'll need photos of student art for the calendar, and anyone can submit photos to brightonptsacalendar@gmail.com (we just need them taken straight on, well lit, and with

the name and grade of the student so we can track them down for approval to use their work).

Treasurer's Report [Melissa Staloff]

- Current Report- attached
 - CRPS and FRES have gone down a little b/c of obligations/checks.
 - BASH paid the tarot card readers (have \$250 left in donations).
 - Class of 2028 has a lower amount in account and will need to remember that the \$ needs to be used for Homecoming and that the bonfire will need to be paid for as well. – *just things to remember*–
 - Discussion about letting parents and students know that when they attend the activity nights the money raised goes to the class for events during High School (Homecoming (floats/shirts), Prom, Banquet, any school dances, leftover money is sometime donated by the class upon graduation or gifted to incoming freshman.)).
 - Motion to approve January Treasurer's report by Jen Ellickson, second by Valerie Bodkin; report approved by vote/majority.

Committee News

- Fundraising
 - Will be hosting the following:
 - Silent Auction= looking at Monday in May
 - Community Garage Sale= TBD (Summer or Spring)-- Monica will check with Winter Farmer Market facility once they switch back outdoors, or the gym at the Admin Building, or the church
 - 5K= Fall 2024 (but waiting to see how the athletic calendar falls)
 - Spoke (cycling and yoga)= 2/10
 - Family Game Night= 3/15
- Spirit wear [Stacia]
 - Diane has created a bunch of items that they are getting ready to post (due to timing, was not able to get a sale out before holidays).

- Working on pricing since we're not buying in bulk like in the fall (this will be in demand sale, and we don't want to price things much higher than the items we sell at homecoming).
- Calendar
 - Anyone can submit photos to brightonptsacalendar@gmail.com (we just need them taken straight on, well lit, and with the name and grade of the student so we can track them down for approval to use their work).
 - Meeting to discuss sales/finance is scheduled for 1/31 @ 7:30pm
- Nancy Beck
 - January 12th is the new deadline. Will schedule a meeting once all applications are in (currently have about 13).

New Business

- No new business

Open Discussion

- There have been posts of school/class specific t-shirts that are not PTSA shirts— we believe these are a scam as the person/people posting them seem to join within a day of making the post. – *just beware of this if there are any questions.--*
- Idea for pushing more attendance at meetings= raffle/drawing off of attendance list (i.e. advertise that attendees will automatically be entered to win a free gift/prize at meeting= have attendees sign in for meeting and the pull a name from the list and that person winds something like a calendar/spiritwear etc.)

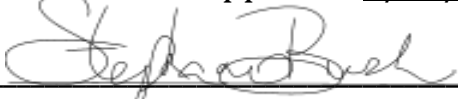
Meeting adjourned at 10:34am

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 2/14/24 @ 9:30am, BCSD Admin Building (and Zoom)- BHS building chairs to provide meeting snack(s)

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January 10, 2024 minutes approved 2/14/2024

Signature  Date 2/14/2024
 PTSA secretary Stephanie Bush