

**Brighton Believes Council**  
**October 3, 2019**  
**Central Office Board Room**

**2019-20 Goals:** Supporting “Brighton Believes”

**Minutes**

**In attendance:** TCMS Principal Rob Thomas, Brighton Recreation Director Rebecca Cotter, Communications Coordinator Dan Goldman, Student Services Director Carolyn Rabidoux, TCMS Counselor Catherine Liebel, BHS/TCMS Social Worker Lance Mitchell, Superintendent Dr. Kevin McGowan, parent Daphne Cohen, Town Board Member Robin Wilt, Temple Sinai’s Pauline Rosenberg, FRES Principal Dr. Allison Rioux.

**Membership of the Council:**

- Each building has administration represented.
- Also should have a parent from each building and representation from the broader Brighton community.
- Lance Mitchell suggested getting someone in the business community/Chamber of Commerce.
- In the past, people were directly invited.
- It’s possible to invite people who attend the District’s religious leaders breakfast through a letter. Rob Thomas and Dan Goldman could work on a letter to send to that group.
- Should the goal change to supporting children every day, every way?
- It could just be a quarterly meeting with updates on what they’re doing to support students in the community.
- The council started as a health task force and it’s evolved to its current form.
- Could focus on building character in our kids or community.
- Rob Thomas volunteered to draft a mission statement that could help build membership, so they know what they’re getting into.
- Carolyn Rabidoux suggested adding BHS Assistant Principal Betsy Balling and District Family Navigator Kristin Haughey.
- Robin Wilt suggested adding Color Brighton Green.
- Monroe Rochester Complete Count Committee wants to come to do a presentation on the census. Central PTSA may be a better opportunity to reach people.
- Setting agenda items/presentations for future meetings could draw better attendance.
- Rebecca Cotter asked if the time still works? We will stick with noon for this year and keep it in mind for next year.

**Treasurer’s Report:** \$676.18 – no changes. We haven’t been collecting money for a while. \$50 per school is available for Red Ribbon Week.

### **Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 21-25**

- TCMS Student Council and teacher Kristen Hallagan is planning the activities. They're also coordinating with FRES and counselor Ashley Ellis.
- BHS Wellness and CARE Team is working on activities.
- BHS talked about roller skating as an afterschool activity, but would take more than \$50. No charge to students. Could get funding from clubs or BHS.
- CRPS and FRES have a week of kindness activities and theme days.

### **Brighton Believes Day of Caring – March 4, 2020**

- This is year three.
- BHS has already secured money for this.
- TCMS is planning to do the same format as in previous years.

### **Brighton Clean Sweep –May 9, 2020**

- Registration will happen around New Year's.

**Brighton Believes Awards 2019-20. Minutes from June meeting: Could present awards at a Board meeting instead of at the 5K. Could separate them into multiple meetings with each building presenting them in both the fall and spring. Could do FRES and CRPS one night and TCMS and BHS at the next Board meeting. This allows it to be filmed. Important to look at past winners so we make sure new names win.**

- Kevin McGowan said we'll do two buildings in November and two in December. Then do it again in March and April or April and May. Will create a nomination form.
- BHS loves the idea of the Board Meetings and presenting the awards at the meeting. We just need to be CONSISTENT in terms of what we say about each nominee or this could turn into a major project... keep very simple, award certificate, state who nominated them?
- Could still do at-large nominations?

### **Open Forum/Community Events**

- BHS Report: Student Culture Climate Leadership Team is teaming up with our Professional Learning Team and PTSA to finish our work from the summer on reviewing student data on the culture and climate of BHS. Looked at disaggregated data at our last meeting.
  - A. Financial assistance available and advertising this more with kids.
  - B. General culture climate issues
  - C. Coming up with opportunities to be more inclusive and creating positive events/activities/approaches to improve the school.
- Friends of Rachel at BHS is doing a PB&J Slam in November for Open Door Mission and the Brighton Food Cupboard.
- Rebecca Cotter said Brighton Recreation Fall Brochures are out. Halloween events are coming up. Fall Festival is 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Town Hall. The Sensory Friendly Trick or Treating is Friday, Oct. 18 at Town Hall. Haunted Grounds at Buckland Farmhouse is 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. The

Halloween Happy House is 5 to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25. The Veterans Luncheon is on Dec. 6 at Brighton Town Park.

- Robin Wilt said the electronics recycling and paper shredding is Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Brighton Highway Department. The pharmaceutical takeback is Saturday, Oct. 26. The Farmers Market is ongoing at BHS on Sundays.
- Dr. McGowan said the Blueprint is focused on restorative practices and mental health. The focus is every child, every day, and every way.
- Carolyn Rabidoux said the District and Brighton Food Cupboard are offering holiday baskets again this year. This year, we're letting people donate a basket. This is for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas. The New Family Reception is Dec. 2 at FRES and there will be invitations to those families. The District is also coordinating a special education resource fair on Oct. 24 in the TCMS cafeteria. There's a survey out to get feedback on what topics should be presented.
- Rob Thomas said TCMS has an anti-bullying speaker coming in October. Also doing a veterans assembly on Nov. 8. They're looking to get an anti-vaping speaker before the holidays.

**2019-20 Meeting Dates (also on the PTSA Calendar): Noon – 1:00 PM**

**December 5**

**February 6**

**April 2**

**June 4**