

**Brighton Believes Council**  
**December 5, 2019**  
**Central Office Board Room**

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

**Minutes**

In Attendance: TCMS Principal Rob Thomas, Town Recreation Director Rebecca Cotter, Town Councilperson Robin Wilt, Census 2020 Partnership Specialist Susan Perry, BHS/TCMS social worker Lance Mitchell, Temple Sinai’s Pauline Rosenberg, Daphne Cohen, Board of Education member Julene Gilbert, BHS Principal Dr. Tom Hall, Superintendent Dr. Kevin McGowan, Communications Coordinator Dan Goldman

- **Census 2020 Presentation from Susan Perry, Partnership Specialist for the New York Regional Census Center**
  - They’re focused on getting a complete and accurate count in the 2020 Census. The information is used for 10 years.
  - They offer a big presentation and Brighton Memorial Library is hosting this on Thursday, Jan. 9. It will cover the design of the census, timing, and more.
  - The Census is easy, important, and safe. The information collected is confidential.
  - The mission is to count everyone once. They’re looking to make sure they reach any undercounted populations.
  - The census drives funding (Section 8, school lunch federal funding, Medicaid, schools, infrastructure, etc.).
  - There is a statistics in schools program and they want to hold an event in every school district.
  - For the first time, there is an online census response option in addition to a phone option.
  - They’re hiring census takers.
  - The questionnaire will be mailed out mid-March.
  
- **Membership Update/Introductions**
  - **Membership Invite Letter – Review**
    - The Council provided updates.
    - The letter will be sent out to our community leaders and religious leaders mailing lists.
  
- **Treasurer’s Report \$676.18**
  - No Changes
  
- **2019-20 Events:**
  - **Brighton Believes Day of Caring – Date March 4, 2020**
    - BHS has a planning meeting next Thursday, Dec. 12. School clubs will continue to lead different homeroom activities.

- TCMS is planning to use a similar format with volunteer organizations speaking to kids with a reception beforehand.
    - FRES and CRPS were not in attendance to provide updates.
  - **Brighton Clean Sweep – Date May 9, 2020**
    - Registration won't be available until after the new year.
  - **Brighton Believes Awards 2019-20:**
    - **Review Nomination Form**
      - Going to do two rounds of recipients at Board meetings.
      - FRES is calling awards “Brighton Believers”
      - Could re-brand this award with that name.
      - New form will be sent out to the community.
- **Open Forum/Community Events**
  - The Brighton Symphony Orchestra is doing a holiday concert this Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at Brookside.
  - Brighton Recreation is offering winter break programming and Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve events at Rock Ventures. The veterans lunch is Dec. 6 and it provides food and clothing to veterans.
  - Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding will be Saturday, May 16. Pharmaceutical takeback doesn't have a finalized date yet.
  - BHS staff appreciation lunch is Dec. 13. TCMS and BHS had a joint meeting related to vaping.
  - BHS held Purple Week which is all about inclusion and kindness. The roller skating was a hit.
  - Julene Gilbert said the past week has shown that the Town is full of Brighton Believers with everyone supporting the families affected by the tragic motor vehicle accident before Thanksgiving.
  - Dr. McGowan thanked everyone for their support.
  - The post-secondary program is collecting toys from TCMS staff. TCMS staff is also doing a coat drive. Student Council is considering a pennies for patients fundraiser. King Arthur Flour presented at school on Dec. 5 and students will bake a loaf of bread to donate.

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

**February 6**

**April 2**

**June 4**