

Brighton High School PTO Meeting
September 9, 2023
Approved

The BHS PTO meeting was called to order at 7:37 by Jessica Hasson.

In attendance: Gavin Johnson, Jessica Hasson, Christie Lahaie, Michelle Letendre, Deanne Ferrel, Lin Miller, Sarah Cross, Karen Nicholson, Julia Deal, Pamela Heggie, Kelli Uphaus, Tracie Richards, Angela Heckel, Christina Kafkakis, Lois Yardley

Principal's Report:

- Gavin Johnson reported that registration went well but picture taking was a nightmare. Student ID's will be delivered on September 18, 2023. Gavin thanked Deanne Ferrell and Christie Lahaie for sorting the ID's by 3rd hour.
- BHS PTO meeting will take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 am.
- College night will be held at Cleary College for all of Livingston County schools on September 28, 2023. If families plan to attend, they must sign up ahead of time and must select the colleges they would like to talk to. This new procedure should help to streamline the number of students a college will see. The QR code for individual school sign-up is in the counseling office.
- Please be certain to read the new Counseling Newsletter.
- The Senior Fee of \$45 includes a class t-shirt, the senior gift, and a yard sign.
- Job Fair: BHS held a job fair last year which was well attended. The county has asked that we join their job fair instead of holding a job fair at BHS.
- Homecoming week begins October 9th with events all week; homecoming game on October 13 and HOCO dance on October 14 from 7-10 pm.
- BHS PTO will begin to administer the BHS Parent Forum Facebook page.
- Graduation ceremonies will take place on June 7, 2024. Staff have been working on cutting down the ceremony to 1.5 hours. There are some thoughts about starting at 7pm versus 8pm. The general thought of the group was to start at 7:00 pm.
- As a reward for attendance, Seniors who miss less no more than 3 days of school in the first semester and have a B in a class will not have to take the final exam in the first and second semester.
- Lin Miller mentioned that drop-off is a little crazy. Gavin said he would send another reminder to families about drop-offs.
- Pink Week was again lots of fun. It's always an exciting week at the high school.
- The Homecoming parade route is still under discussion. We do know that part of the parade will take place on the finished portion of Main Street and probably turn at Hyne then take the side streets to the high school. The Pound will announce the parade from their rooftop.
- SAT testing for Juniors & AP testing will be digital this year
- BHS SAT scores have risen over the last few years. While other schools' scores dropped because of Covid-19 Brighton's scores went up.
- Lunch-n-Learns are scheduled for this year and went well last year.

Secretary's Report: Lois Yardley distributed the minutes from the May 9, 2023, BHS PTO meeting. Minutes were approved by Deanne Ferrell and Christina Kafkakis.

Treasurers Report: Christie Lahaie gave the financial report for the end of school year 22/23 and for the 23/24 coming year.

- PTO events for the upcoming year include but are not limited to 4 Lunch Fun days; 3 Staff appreciation dinner/luncheons; 2 Academic Letter days; 4 PAWS breakfasts; support for special events; teacher requests; club requests and other learning ideas for students.

Deanne Ferrell and Michelle Letendre approved the Treasurers Report.

New Business:

- Jessica reviewed thanked everyone for their help with registration. Registration has been streamlined and going well so that we only need a few parent volunteers.
- Calendar dates have been set with only a few events that need to be fluid. PAWS dates are set along with Academic Letter. There are over 500 students who will receive their Academic letter or a pin.
- SANP – Michelle Letendre commented that the 2023 SANP went well with a few exceptions or usual bumps. Plans are underway for the 2024 SANP.
- Conferences are scheduled for October 19, 2023. PTO will provide dinner for the staff. Approximately 110 teachers take part in conferences.
- The PTO will provide \$300 for Yellow Ribbon Day on 10/25/2023. Chris Nelson coordinates.
- Ms. Baxter's request for alternative seating in her classroom has been approved. She will provide receipts when she has made purchases.
- Jessica reported that she received a \$250 gift card from Aldi which will be used for Staff appreciation expenses.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2023

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Hasson at 8:45 am