

Brighton High School
October 21, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: Kara Totaro at 5:01 pm.

Review of September 2019 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve by Gina Henig; seconded by Kara Totaro. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Hilary Feister-Bell

Hilary Feister-Bell reviewed the current financial statement for the period 9/17/19-10/21/19. Motion to approve by Khrystine Hendy; seconded by Kara Totaro. Motion carried.

>Additional BHS family PTO donations for September and October from Pay Pal were \$373.53 and one personal check for \$25.00. So the total Fall 2019 PTO donations were \$9,718.77. This is less than last year but PTO will work with this amount for next year.

>Budgeted expenses included \$110.93 for Registration hospitality and \$269.31 for Staff Appreciation for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

>There were three funding requests which were approved offline since our last meeting. (Two were introduced at the last meeting and one was new.) Microwaves for students in the cafeteria were approved for \$450.00, with the actual expense being \$351.96. BHS feminine hygiene products were approved for \$50.00 with the actual expense to date being \$38.85. Gina stated that she advised the office staff that we can purchase additional items as needed. Updating pictures throughout the school were approved for \$720.00. This project is not completed so this will be an open expense. We deferred to review pictures at the November meeting. Total spent in general funds is approximately \$1,100.00 to date.

>There are other budgeted items on hold for now or will be distributed later in the school year.

>On-budget for 2019-2020.

Hilary Feister-Bell stated that the 2018-2019 taxes were completed by former Treasurer, Shannan Pereira. They will be reviewed by Khrystine Hendy and Jennifer Marks tomorrow and filed by the end of this week.

Principal's Report – Gavin Johnson

>Pink Week went well. Mr. Grabowski is the teacher of the Leadership class and they are trying to be more inclusive at the student assemblies with focus on more widespread student groups. They want to involve more groups and clubs and are going to recognize 2 different groups. This time they recognized the Robotics and Mountain Biking groups. They also had both guys and girls in the leadership dance.

>Mr. Johnson has removed Freshman homecoming voting and is contemplating removing Sophomore and Junior voting as well. They are not taking the voting seriously and this has led to some unpleasant situations for some students. He has some new ideas about future courts. Such as, perhaps a Kindness Court, Spirit Court or/and the traditional Homecoming Court.

- >He thanked PTO for the microwaves in the cafeteria. They are working great!
- >Mr. Johnson will bring various photos taken at activities and will have some pictures from classrooms for us to review at the meeting in November.
- >Yellow Ribbon Day is tomorrow which is an important and sensitive day.
- >It was discovered that the Mock Accident was scheduled on the same day as the AP Psychology exam which hundreds of students attend. So the Mock Accident will be held on May 13, 2020 with the make-up day being, May 14, 2020. This will allow more students to attend the Mock Accident.

Teacher's Report – Aaron Walters

- >He thanked PTO for the food during the Parent -Teacher conferences. He also brought two Thank You cards from the staff.
- >It has been busy with Pink Week, conferences and homecoming. And next week is exam week.
- >Gina shared that she has heard from various parents that the football games have had a better presence this year. Mr. Johnson said that there are more police officers throughout and they are also at each entrance.
- >Gina also noted that she has heard that people were pleased to see more teachers at the conferences this year.

PAC Update – Kara Totaro

- >Jodie Valenti who heads up the Enrichment programs at Community Education distributed information folders. She is always looking for new ideas. She also offered free space to PTO's for advertising any community fundraisers.
- >Ken Grybel from BARC (Brighton Area Recreation Connection), spoke about how they started programs at the elementary level and their goal is to reach all student age levels. They want to grow their after school programs.
- >Janice Ramirez from Tot Spot said they are open 7:00 am to 9:00 am and after school until 6:00 pm. They are always looking for new people to hire.
- >Dr. Gray said it was a successful Pink Week but wanted everyone to know that BAS did not put on the fireworks display. That was done by the adjacent neighborhood.
- >Count day came out to 6,046. 200 FTE are shared services. Budget approved for \$8,111.00 per pupil so it is \$1 million more than expected.
- >The bond is on the ballot on November 5th and everyone is encouraged to vote. Information is on the BAS website regarding the bond.

Old Business

- >Thanks to Gina and Khrystine for the Staff Appreciation at the conferences.

New Business

- >Rebecca Hawkins and Maureen Ray from the Art Department requested from 1-12 new ipads with cart. This would be quite a significant amount of money. Perhaps there are other options for this. Mr. Johnson said that he mentioned to them that they should wait to see what happens with the bond. Funding request denied.

>Todd Day from the Drama Department requested \$500.00 for lighting for the Drama room. This request was deferred to Mr. Johnson. Funding request denied.

>Michelle Hoss from WRAP class requested \$200.00. The total bill was noted to be approximately \$400.00 on the request, but Ms. Hoss stated that she would pay some of the bill out of her own pocket. The request is for the class that is work study for special needs students. The students will be learning life skills by preparing and serving a "holiday meal" for parents and guardians. It was suggested to approve up to \$300.00. Motion to approve by Kara Totaro; seconded by Gina Henig. Motion carried.

>Kristine Sinacola from the Study Center requested assistance in purchasing snacks. It was suggested to approve up to \$300.00, as snacks is a budgeted item. Motion to approve by Khrystine Hendy; seconded by Kara Totaro. Motion carried.

>Hilary reminded Mr. Johnson that we can still assist with educational presentations if there are any that would be beneficial. We still have it in our budget. Mr. Johnson said that he would check with the appropriate staff to see if they have any that they would like to present.

PAWS Breakfast

>Aaron Walters has sent an email to the staff regarding the need for nominations. The deadline is this Friday, October 25th. If he does not have students nominated from each department by next Tuesday, October 29th, he will follow up with the staff. The breakfast is Thursday, November 7th. He also informed the new co-chairs that he would be giving them access to the spreadsheet.

>Cathy Pierce, the previous chairperson, gave the printed instructions for the PAWS program to Khrystine Hendy. And Kara Totaro confirmed that Cathy had given her the remaining manila envelopes at the last PTO meeting that are used for the certificates and nomination sheets at the breakfast. (Kara Totaro and Khrystine Hendy are now the co-chairs for PAWS.) Cathy offered to assist them in any way and stated that because the first breakfast was soon, she could complete the paperwork for them if they could not get it done, but that she could not attend the actual breakfast. Khrystine Hendy said she would let her know if they needed her assistance.

Meeting adjourned by Kara Totaro at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Pierce