**PRINCIPAL ADVISORY / HS PSO MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 9, 2021**

In person and Zoom Meeting

Meeting Start Time: 8:07am

**Co-Presidents’ Report by Sue Ryan**

Sue Ryan updated everyone on the Honey Baked Ham Gift Card Fundraiser. As of today, they raised $400. The fundraiser runs through January 3rd.

Mrs. Ryan also mentioned that there will be a flower sale fundraiser in the spring (April). Both hanging baskets and flats will be available. They are working with the Petitti Growers.

**Treasurer Report by Kim Policarpo**

Kim Policarpo read Treasurer’s Report. Current balance in checking account is $10,006.10.

**PSO Council Report by Tracy Scott**

*Full meeting minutes of the PSO Council meeting can be found on the BBH PSO Council website. These are some of the highlights of that meeting:*

BOARD PRESIDENT, FRED PEDERSON’S, REPORT

The Board will meet in December to discuss several policy changes. One of the policy changes being looked at is the bus system going from 3 tier to 2 tier next fall.

A number of contracts were voted on at the last meeting for the HS roof replacement, tennis courts, and stadium track.

The District Treasurer has assured the Board that the District is fiscally sound for the next 5 years.

The fair school funding act has had a positive impact for special needs students, 6 years for full funding

SUPERINTENDENT, JOELLE MAGYAR’S, REPORT

The administration is working on finalizing the staffing for the new elementary school. They are about 90% completed. All teachers will be notified of their new assignments in January. Teachers will tour after they get their new assignments.

The building is coming along and still on time. It is currently being painted and cabinetry installed in classrooms. They will have full possession of the building in May. A ribbon cutting will happen the 1st week in August.

The BOSS/BEA contract negotiations went very well. All sides are pleased with how the process went and the final outcome.

Kindergarten registration begins in March. Stepping Stones Pre-school is completely full. Some of the pre-school will be at the new elementary building and some will stay at the current Blossom Hill facility.

There is no discussion at this point of making full day kindergarten tuition free. It would cost the district approximately $400,000 to make that happen. Since it’s always been tuition based at this point that’s how it will stay.

**After-Prom Committee Report by Megan Sarfi**

Mrs. Sarfi gave report. They are changing the design of the graduation signs this year. The price will be the same. It will be a white board with red, black and yellow borders.

**H.S. Principal, Kevin Jakub’s Report**

Principal Jakub started his report by discussing the threat incident that took place at school on Tuesday, December 7th. Principal Jakub stated that as soon as the administration was made aware of the threat, they immediately notified the BH Police Department and began to interview students. They were also in immediate contact with the student in question’s parents who were 100% cooperative and transparent. Over 35 students were interviewed. After a thorough investigation by the administration and the police department is was determined that the threat was 100% false and were unsubstantiated rumors. Further investigation determined the student in question had been bullied by students and that aspect of the situation is being addressed with those students and their families.

The administration was 100% confident in the safety of the students to return to school on Wednesday, December 8th. If they had any doubt, school would not have occurred. Any further questions or concerns, please contact Principal Jakub and he will be happy to discuss your concerns with you.

The Counseling Office is going to hold a symposium during the lunch periods on school violence. Any students that feel stress or anxiety about school violence should reach out to their counselors for additional help.

There will be a Gifts & Goals Meeting on December 17th. Mr. Rafkin will be present as well as several others regarding the new live stream system the school will be purchasing. It is portable so it can be moved to different locations in the building to cover events.

The high school could use a few more holiday decorations if anyone has any that they can donate. They will not be returned. These are to be used yearly.

The mid-term schedule has been shared. Mid-terms will run from Wed., 12/15 – Fri., 12/17. All students have been granted open-campus privileges during mid-terms. If you don’t wish your student to have open campus privileges, you must complete and submit the form provided in the weekly newsletter.

NHS Members are offering two counseling sessions to help 9th and 10th graders prepare for mid-terms since this will be their first time taking them. Test preparation strategies will be shared.

The 70 new junior and senior members of the National Honor Society will be inducted on Friday, December 10th at 1pm in the Auditorium.

There will be 3 or 4 ACT/SAT prep programs offered throughout the year at the high school. Mr. Jakub did not have the dates on hand but you can call the Counseling Office and they can provide that information.

Two Graduation Seals are needed out of 8 to graduate. Meet with your counselor to be sure you are on track to obtain those seals.

College Now can help interpret your student’s recent PSAT results. The top 1% are National Merit Scholar Finalists. Those students will be announced next fall.

**Questions for Principal Jakub**

Q: Will 9th and 10th graders be able to go to Washington, DC since they missed the opportunity in 8th grade do to the pandemic?

A: There have been no discussions at this time regarding the 9th and 10th graders being able to attend. There would be a lot of logistical problems to making that happen this spring. The high school does have several civic clubs that provide trips to Columbus that provide insight into our government.

Q: What is the status of the track rebuild and practice ability?

A: Students can practice on the field until it is replaced on May 4,2022.

Q: Will there be a spring awards ceremony for sports?

A: Unclear at this time. It would be up to the individual coaches to put something together.

**New Business**

There will be no January meeting. The next Principal Advisory / HS PSO Meeting will be an evening meeting February 10th at 7:00pm (zoom only).

Meeting adjourned at 8:50am