

**PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY MEETING / HS PSO MEETING
ZOOM MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

Meeting start time: 8:00am

PSO PRESIDENT SARFI'S REPORT

PSO President Welcome – Thank you everyone for attending our first HS PSO Meeting of the year. We will normally meet at the first Thursday of each month at 8am. We do plan to hold 2 evening meetings this year. More information will come out about those meetings.

We have some PSO business we need to attend to at this meeting. The first is to vote on and swear in the HS PSO Officers for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion was made by Kristen Bevan and seconded by Kim Policarpo.

Vote for Slate 20-21 HS PSO Officers

- President: Megan Sarfi
- 1VP: Jennifer Schneider
- Honorary VP: Steve Ast
- Treasurer: Kelly Petros
- Secretary: Michelle Banks
- Council Delegate: Rhonda Strmac & Tracy Scott

HS PSO officers sworn in.

Our next business is to vote on and swear in the After-Prom Committee. President Sarfi asked for a motion to approve the slate for the After-Prom Committee. Motion was made by Ronda Strmac and seconded by Janelle Henning. No discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

After-Prom Committee for the 2020-2021 school year.

- President: Megan Sarfi
- Honorary VP: Steve Ast
- Treasurer: Kelly Petros
- Co-Chair: Marla Speeth
- Co-Chair: Open

After Prom Committee sworn in.

Audit Reports

Recording Secretary, Michelle Banks, read the Audit Report for the HS PSO for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion was made by Ronda Strmac, second by Michelle Banks to approve the Audit Report as read. No discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Recording Secretary, Michelle Banks, read the HS After Prom Audit Report. Motion was made by Kristen Bevan and seconded by Tracy Scott to approve the HS After Prom Audit Report. No discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

HS PSO proposed Budget

Treasurer, Kelly Petros, reviewed the proposed HS PSO Budget. President Sarfi made a request for a motion to approve the proposed HS PSO Budget. Motion was made by Kim Policarop and seconded by Jen Schneider. No discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Senior Scholarships Given last May by HS PSO: Two scholarships are awarded each year (one to a boy, one to a girl) by the HS PSO. This past school year the winners were: Anthony Petros and Emma Sak. They each received a \$500 scholarship and a plaque. To be eligible for this scholarship, the family has to be active in the PSO all 4 years and the students have to show active volunteerism during their high school career. A committee makes the final selection.

PRINCIPAL AST'S REPORT

Opening of School

Thank you to all parents/guardians for your help, patience, and support with the opening of the school year. This has been a year like no other and we are thrilled to have most of our students back in the building. The kids did well with masks and social distancing. Some of the marching band students performed to greet our students on the first day.

National Merit Semifinalists

Congratulations to seniors Michael Corbo, Max Hartland, Anthony Minatel, Stephanie Mossop, and Maddie Shaheen on earning the distinction of being National Merit Semifinalists! Every year 2.5 million students take the PSAT/NMSQT during October of their junior year. Approximately 30,000 students are identified as National Merit Qualifiers and then 16,000 are selected as National Merit Semifinalists. From that National Merit Semifinalists list, a finalist list will be selected. Usually most of the Semifinalists make it to Finalists. Millions of dollars are given out in the form of scholarships to these students.

SAT/ACT Testing

Kahn Academy is a great tool to help students increase their SAT/ACT testing scores. On average students who practice on Khan academy see a 90 point increase in score.

The College Board has released some testing dates: 10/14/20, 10/29/20 and a date in January 2021 with no back up date. That January date is being looked at because of the potential of a snow day. Mr. Ast has been selected to join the College Board of Midwest Council for the College Boards.

Open House Thursday September 17th - Virtual - Website Release

On Thursday September 17th a link to the Open House website will be shared with families. We encourage all parents/guardians to view their child's schedule and then click on the videos from their teachers to learn more about their courses and ways to support students' learning. We realize that some of the important informal interactions that our team has is being lost so we encourage families to share relevant information with teachers, school counselors, and administrators so we can better serve your students this school year. They will be short – 5 – 7 minute videos.

Club Fair - Virtual - Website Release

On Friday September 18th a link to the Club Fair website will be sent to students' emails and included in the newsletter. Our clubs and activities are working hard to continue their programming despite the challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage all students to check out ways to get involved and find something to participate in this school year.

Some of the clubs we know will be virtual the first half of the year, i.e. Speech and Debate, Model U.N. At this point Robotics is allowed to hold some in person competitions but not sure about number of spectators at this point.

Senior Parent Night - Live Stream Event - Monday September 21st

All senior parents/guardians are invited to an important informational session regarding their pivotal role in their senior's college application process. A link to the event will be sent to senior parents through Naviance and posted to the HS website.

Financial Aid Night - October 5th - Live Stream Event

Monday, October 5th the School Counseling Office will be hosting a Virtual Financial Aid Night at 7:00 p.m. A financial aid officer will help families navigate financial aid forms (FAFSA and CSS Profile) and provide tips for applying for scholarships and other types of merit based aid. A link to the event will be sent to senior parents through Naviance and posted to the HS website. Questions can be asked through chat. This is available to parents with students in any grade if you want to get information early. Junior families are encouraged to join.

Student Council Elections

Students were sent an email this week if they were interested in running for Student Council. Students must complete the forms provided to be included in the slate. Student Council will be holding elections for class officers and representatives the week of September 14-18. The slate will be announced on Friday, September 11th.

Contact Tracing Form The high school adopted a program that Hudson High School was using regarding contact tracing. What that is for is so that the high school does not have to assign lunch or study hall seats. It allows students to have an open forum in case they need to sit with students for class projects, or otherwise. The student swipes the contact tracing form when they enter lunch or study hall, answers a few questions and indicates what table they are sitting at that day. If the school finds out of a positive Covid case, then they can look at that contact tracing to see which students were sitting near the Covid + student for any length of time. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health is requiring schools to do a contact tracing plan. You can view this form in the school portal page under student links.

Technology Support

Students can receive technical support for their school issued devices in the media center. If they are having trouble during at home learning they should complete the form at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIWngcTPEnawf_izYby--G2JISfU7586luMVKKzqn0dPFcxA/viewform and/or call **440-447-0111**.

2020 Fall Athletic Program

To access the 2020 Fall Athletic Program, which is produced by volunteers from the Band Boosters in collaboration with the HS Athletic Department copy and past the following URL:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vx1hlordfsUhBjo6XGsxHKGN0FFuNQYV/view>

Submitted questions by parents

Question: Who should parents contact if they get locked out of ProgressBook?

Answer: Kristen Huston is the high school Progress Book contact. Her email is hustonk@bbhcsd.org.

Question: Who should parents/students contact with Chromebook problems? When at School vs. Remote.

Answer: If at school, students should go to the Media Center for help.

Question: Who should parents contact to get Chromebook fee waived if student opted to not use a school Chromebook?

Answer: Seniors are not charged the Chromebook fee because they are allowed to use personal computers. Grades 9 – 11 are required to use school issued Chromebooks because of the integrity of testing. This fee cannot be waived.

Question: Who should parents contact to share feedback/comments on the first few days of school?

Answer: The first person to contact should be the teacher, administrator or staff person directly involved in the issue. If it cannot be resolved, then contact Mr. Ast.

Question: Who should parents contact with Google Classroom notification problems - not getting them. (when teacher says they should be).

Answer: Scott Kinkoph put out a guide to help parents with google classroom (Guide: <https://www.bbhcsc.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6GUGIA2&dasi=4GIU0>). It's an educational guideline for parents. Please refer to that guide for questions. All teachers are getting certified this year as Google Certified Educators so the teacher may be able to answer your question. If not, please contact Scott Kinkoph at kinkophs@bbhcsc.org.

Question: Can teachers reconsider the amount of supplies needed for class given students don't have lockers this year? Binders are pretty heavy.

Answer: Mr. Ast will put this reminder out to teachers in his email to them, however, some classes need to have certain supplies. Only 450 lockers have been assigned out of approx. 1,600 at the high school. If you find your student can't manage their backpacks with all the supplies in them, you can still request a locker. Social distancing shouldn't be a problem because they can space out the lockers assigned.

Zoom chat questions asked during meeting

Question: Can Seniors attend last football game?

Answer: Unfortunately not due to the limitations of spectators allowed.

Question: Can you still send in Open Campus form?

Answer: Yes. The high school is putting out more picnic tables around the school so students can choose to take a break and sit outside during study hall or lunch, and take off mask if able to social distance properly.

Question: Dates for Tri M?

Answer: Mr. Ast not sure about this will check with Seth Clerget the Advisor for Tri M. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Clerget at clergits@bbhcsc.org.

Question: Will Pay Schools be updated with school fees and chrome ins. fees?

Answer: Mr. Ast thought that was already on there but will look into it and make sure it's included so families can pay those fees on-line.

Question: Will Contact Tracing Fee be used for athletes at away games?

Answer: Mr. Ast is not sure about that but will look into it and get back to us.

Question: What is the spring SAT date?

Answer: Date is March 3, 2021 for Juniors at the HS during school hours. Check the ACT / SAT website for other available dates.

Question: Is there any news about waiving SAT/ACT testing for the class of 2022.

Answer: At this point, no updates about waiving tests.

Question: Is Financial Aid Night for Seniors only?

Answer: No, anyone is welcome to attend that virtual meeting. Same goes for the Virtual Senior Night.

Question: When will National Honor Society letters be sent?

Answer: Those letters usually go out in October. Students should take their time and complete the application in full with detailed information. Usually the students who don't make it into NHS are the ones who didn't fully complete their applications.

Question: Is Shadowing / College Visits not happening this year?

Answer: This will be up to the individual colleges/universities. Some are offering virtual tours. The high school will try and support any students wishing to attend college campus tours.

New Business

President Sarfi asked if there was any new business. None so meeting was adjourned.

Meeting Ended: 9:25am

Website: www.bbhhspso.com

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President Sarfi is looking for a volunteer to assist with Staff Appreciation next year.