

PRINCIPAL'S ADVISORY COUNCIL / HS PSO MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:10 am

Gifts & Goals Proposal

Asst. Principal Kevin Jacobs along with the three 9th – 11th counselors discussed a proposal for PSO funding for a “Zen Den.” The Zen Den would be utilized as another tool for the high school counselors to help students who are experiencing stress / anxiety during their school day. It would be a monitored space, close to the counseling office, where a student could go and sit in a quiet, calm environment for a period of time so their emotions do not escalate. Many other high schools have been creating spaces like this within their high schools all working toward helping high schoolers with coping techniques and emotional regulation. It would help students develop skills that can be used both inside and outside of school to benefit their wellbeing, self-awareness, and resiliency. The PSO is being asked to help with furniture, lighting, paint, etc. A cost analysis was not provided at this time.

The Gifts & Goals Committee (Megan Sarfi, Kelly Petros, Michelle Banks, Kim Policarpo, Jen Hargreaves, Rachel Jones) along with Principal Ast will meet to discuss this proposal and a few others and decide on what the PSO would like to fund through our no-fuss fundraiser which will be taking place in December/January. A vote of the PSO will take place at our Dec. 5th meeting as to which projects we wish to fund.

Principal Ast's Report:

Focus on Bee One Community

In the month of November, we are focusing on the “Bee One Community...Stronger Together” strand of the Culture Playbook. Teachers will be sharing Bee Your One Community in their classrooms, there will be some announcements at the end of the month, and students exhibiting “Bee One Community” behaviors will be recognized throughout the month. We are further supporting these efforts with our Colony Period's month long focus on gratitude and thankfulness. Thank fest is taking place next Wednesday, 11/20 with activities at the high school.

Naturalization Ceremony/Assembly

BBHHS will be hosting a Naturalization Ceremony on Friday November 22nd. Mr. Brennan in coordination with the Federal District Court have planned an actual Naturalization Ceremony at BBHHS where our students will witness a group of individuals become US citizens. The event will feature students learning about the naturalization process, a message from a BBH staff member about their experience with it, and Federal Court Judge Boyko speaking to our students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences and FAFSA Workshop Tonight!

Please join us for Parent/Teacher conferences tonight. No appointment is needed as all of our teachers will be seated in the cafeteria ready to meet with parents on a first come/first served basis. During conferences, College Now Advisor, Mr. Courtney, will be hosting 3 one hour FAFSA workshops during Parent/Teacher Conferences on November 7th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the Media Center.

Sophomores Exploratory Visit to CVCC - Tuesday, November 12th, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

On Tuesday November 12th all 10th graders will be visiting our career technical school Cuyahoga Valley Career Center to learn about the course offerings available to them for junior and senior years. All public high schools in Ohio are required to offer career technical programs at their school or at another school. CVCC is the career technical school for a consortium of schools, which include: Revere, Twinsburg, Independence, Nardon, North Royalton, Garfield Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, and BBHHS.

Upcoming Events

November 8th & 9th BBHHS Robotics Tournament

November 9th - Chamber Orchestra & Contemporary Youth Orchestra Concert

November 12th - Fall Sports Reception

November 13th - Take Back Togetherness Night - No homework, tests, practices, or rehearsals

November 22nd - Blood Drive

November 26th - Music in Motion Festival

December 1st - Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

December 5th - Choir Concert

December 6th - NHS Induction

December 11th - Band Concert

December 14th - Madrigal Dinner

December 18th -20th - First Semester Final Exams

PSO President, Megan Sarfi's, PSO Report:

After Prom Budget

President Sarfi reviewed the proposed After Prom budget. Discussion was had on raffle prices. It was decided to reduce the raffle price of the 6 commencement seating tickets a family could win from \$50 to \$25. This will reduce in ½ the amount of money expected to be generated from that raffle. Discussion was also held regarding capping the amount of tickets to be sold for raffles to spark more interest since someone would feel they would have a better chance to win. Voting on the final After Prom Budget was deferred to the December 5th PSO Meeting.

No-Fuss Fundraiser

The No-fuss fundraiser will take place from December 10th – January 31, 2020. President Sarfi asked Principal Ast for student/teacher help in creating a short video that the PSO could put on social media so that parents could visualize what we are fundraising for and how it would benefit the students. This would be a very effective tool in getting the information out to our BBHHS families.

Swarm Board:

A discussion was held regarding the Swarm Board and some of the confusion between sports teams and clubs as to whom and when they can decorate the Swarm Board. A suggestion was had to add a second Swarm Board so that more teams/clubs could benefit from using the board. Principal Ast and the PSO will look into adding a second Swarm Board for next year. If anyone has questions, or would like to be added to the sign up genius for the Swarm Board, they should contact Claudia Griesmer at chgriesmer@gmail.com.

HS PSO Website

Kelly Petros and Ronda Strmac have done a great job developing an improved HS PSO website. It is currently still under construction but you can access it at bbhhspsso.com.

New Business

No new business

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am