

**PTSO Meeting Minutes**  
**10/18/2022 at 7:00pm**  
**Briar Woods High School Library**

**ATTENDED:**

Administration: Michelle, Derby, Sue Spiotto, Nina Eddinger

Board Members:Melanie Kelly, Rebecca White, Wendy Drake, Carol Kohn, Stephanie Reese, Lin Thomas

Guest Speaker: Grant Schafer

**Absent:**

Tracy Gilliam, Erin Stevens, Mary Flowers, SCA Student Representative

**Meeting Reports:**

Michelle Derby, Assistant School Principal, reported:

- Thank you to the PTSO for the luncheon in honor of the cafeteria & custodial staff.
- Thank you to the PTSO for the senior patio flowers. The school purchased a hose to ensure that the planters are watered.
- Homecoming was a great event.
- Remediation efforts are in full swing so that students are identified and able to receive the help that they need.
- PSAT - October 12th - went smoothly
- Admin walk-throughs are happening in all classworks with focus on the 5 C's.
- Request - PTSO member needed to represent BW on the Special Education Advisory Committee

Special Guest, Grant Schafer

- Grant is the Supervisor of Community Connections for LCPS, with the Division of Teaching and Learning. I partner with Career and Technical Education and Computer Science, to bring in business partners to support student learning, experiences, and career exploration. My team has some great student opportunities and we are touring HS's to promote these to administration and school counseling. Link to presentation [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1H5Q3M65LrPaHYdmFRgfkJMKJeHHRc\\_gw/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109823367890343234604&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1H5Q3M65LrPaHYdmFRgfkJMKJeHHRc_gw/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109823367890343234604&rtpof=true&sd=true)
- Works closely with the BW Career Center
- Goals - School/Business Partnerships & Career Shadowing
- Job for A Day - opportunity for 11th & 12th graders to explore companies that have partnered with LCPS. Over 300 jobs offered
  - Signups begin October 21st, 8am (online)
  - Job for A Day - November 9th & 10th

Melanie Kelly, Co-President, reported:

- 149 registrations in PTSO

Rebecca White, Treasurer, reported:

- Nothing to report

Wendy Drake, HT and Amazon Smile, reported:

- 43 Harris Teeter registrations has generated \$190
- Fall Flyer sent
- Working with HT corporate to have a booth
- Amazon Smile is slow but will work on a holiday push
- Will post links on IG

Carol Kohn, Fundraising, reported:

- Working on a Self Defense class fundraiser. Will explore creating a program verse hiring an outside company.

Nina Eddinger, Teacher Representative, reported:

- No current requests from teachers

Nina Eddinger (standin), SCA Representative , reported:

- Homecoming was great. Really proud of the SCA students for their thoughtful planning and execution. Event went off without any problems and the kids had a great time
- Unfortunately the Fall Festival was canceled due to the rain. Exploring other ideas/dates and outside club showcase involvement. (possible 12/13).
- November 2nd, PowderPuff (volleyball game)
- November 30th, BW Pageant (fake pageant open to all students)
- December 14th, Deck the Halls

Sue Spiotto, Parent Liaison, reported:

- Thank you for the donation from the PTSO. We will use the money to help BWs families in need throughout the school year.
- Dulles Food Pantry has a great Thanksgiving Program and will no longer need meals for this upcoming holiday. Over thirty of our BW families will take advantage of this program.
- Books A Million - was able to go to their book give away to obtain books for BW

Stephanie Reese, Senior Event Coordinator, reported:

- Meeting with faculty on event planning
- One event per quarter will be coordinated plus a rising senior breakfast
- November 30th - Senior Breakfast, sign up is almost complete

- Exploring options to have seniors walk through their elementary schools in their cap and gowns. Main issue with scheduling is SOL testing.

Dorian Beetle, Teacher Event Coordinator, reported:

- Custodian/Cafeteria Lunch - PTSO sponsored a catered lunch from Rubinos.
- Teacher Cookie Exchange - 12/15/22
- Tentative: Chili Cook-off for Staff on Valentine's Day
- Teacher Appreciation Day/Week (Q4)

Meeting adjourned at 8:05