**Briar Woods HS PTSO**

**Meeting Agenda**

**Feb 6, 2020**

**6:30 pm BWHS Library**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Nina Yeskis, Shelia Alzate, Elizabeth Foster, Sue Wright, Autumn Hall, Ava Bishop, Grace Krueger, Jim Scott, Kelly Huff-Synder, Jerry Carter, Sue Spiotto

**January Minutes were approved**

**Sheila Alzate – Principal Update**

* Scheduling for next year’s classes
* 8th graders scheduling has started
* Juniors scheduling has started
* New type of Master Schedule is being implemented
* Special Education will be scheduled first to avoid class conflicts
* Staffing Metrics will be determined once initial scheduling has been completed
* Staffing for next two years are projected to remain at the same level
* Third year out a reduction of 100 students is possible, however a new mixed-use residential development within the BWHS boundaries is starting
* The BWHS addition will start summer 2021 as a six-month project as the funds were approved in the July budget. The 2-story addition will be built on the back of BWHS wrapping around side of building. BWHS will loss six to ten parking spaces. Modular classrooms will be removed. Final design is currently being processed.
* Ski club is no longer a school sponsored activity. Parents are doing their own ski club assuming liability. LCPS has added Skiing as a level high risk activity and will not be allowed. Parents are challenging the school board ruling.

**Jerry Carter – Athletics Updates**

* There is a new VHSL alignment this will mean that all games will now take place within the county as opposed to throughout the state. 17 schools in county so travel will be better
* BWHS will play all other schools once each season
* With travel being reduced students will not need to miss as many classes as previously
* Mrs. Alzate is our representative to Richmond for VHSL next school year
* In 2020 will be installed in tennis courts
* Next year sport fee, paid to LCPS per player, reduced to $75 for next school year
* Indoor track (winter track) Tier 1 will be a new sport for BWHS next school year
* In 2022 a second sport field will be installed
* Upgrading weight room during spring break; new floor, new weights. coaches designed the room
* Volunteer/Charity: Turf Volleyball pink out for cancer, basketball sponsored Ellies hats, Baseball laid wreaths at Arlington Cemetery
* No BWHS gymnastics team this school year. Hope to have a team next year.
* Last year 470 boys 419 girls in athletics this year’s numbers about the same
* Regional Scholastic Bowl hosted by BWHS last week, Thomas Jefferson HS won. BWHS finished second
* Theater one act play We will host super region for theater
* Hosting region swim this Saturday. BWHS does not have a dive team, most other schools do. This lowers BWHS overall swim scores.
* BWHS does not compete in pole vault
* There is a new Girls’ Soccer Coach

**Student Representatives – Autumn Hall, Ava Bishop and Grace Krueger**

* Falcons Got Talent will be held this Wednesday during 10:30am activity block
* Seniors will be selling tickets in first block.
* Falcon Feud will be two days before Prom. This is BWHS’s take on Family Feud, Faculty vs Students
* Future events: elections, Prom, BBQ, and Senior Week

**Sue Spiotto – Parent Liaison**

* Irene’s Closet will be held in the auditorium during Lunch on March 24th, March 25th, April 21st and April 22nd. Irene’s closet is run by Maria Valeron in memory of her daughter. Irene’s Closet allows students to pick out free clothes and accessories for Prom (over 100 gowns, suites, ties, shoes etc.) Volunteers come and set it up. PTSO will have a sign-up list to donate misc. items, such as nail polish hair ties etc. Anyone from BWHS can take advantage of this service. Last homecoming Irene’s Closet gave away 30 dresses.
* Prom is on a Friday in Middleburg. Juniors and Senior can bring a date, permission forms for non BWHS Juniors and Seniors are available.

**Jim Scott - Teacher Request for Funding**

* Requesting $350 for Capstone Project Resources. Motors to work with the raspberry pie computers that PTSO bought last year. These motors will allow two classes of second year students to complete larger more complex programing projects.
* Approved unanimously
* Requesting $1355 for a CNC (Computer numeric control) machine which is used in manufacturing all over the world. This machine will allow students to learn how to code a router to cut precise shapes in materials. This is a basic skill needed for many technical applications. The CNC machine will be used by Woodshop; Manufacturing 1, 2, 3, 4; Materials and Process covering Sophomore, Juniors and Senior students
* Approved unanimously
* Next year BWHS will offer an Honors Engineering Design class
* CTE is offering more credential courses

**Lin Zhao – Teacher Request for Funding**

* Chinese Club is hosting an International night 5/16/2020 7:00pm – 8:30pm at BWHS.
* There will be native speakers, lunar new year traditions, including traditional performances and crafts, food concessions, and a yoyo performance
* BWHS Students do the planning and promotion, event is open to the public
* Asking for $500 to offset expenses.
* Stone Bridge HS PTSO Gave $200. Only Stone Bridge HS and Briar Woods HS offer Chinese Language classes and have a Chinese Language Club.
* $300 approved by Briar Woods PTSO

**Elizabeth Foster & Sue Wright - Teacher Representative Update**

* English teaching materials for next year are in the library for review
* Trip to Stanton April 21st and 22nd 8:00am to 4:00pm for Shakespeare festival is limited to first 100 students.
* Mythology will be offered as an elective for next year’s curriculum
* Recruiting Freshmen mentors for next School Year through an application process due March 31st.
* Proposing ice cream social for Freshmen Orientation
* $300 approved by Briar Woods PTSO

**Debbie Norberg - President’s Update**

* PTSO Scholarship application is up and live on the website. Parents must be PTSO members by February 14th for a student to apply
* College Boot Camp is scheduled for March 17 and March 31
* Kaplan update- Feb 5 class is full and Practice test in Jan made $1100
* PTSO will start recruiting for Open Board positions for next year
* These positions will be posted on Facebook and through Connect Ed
* Treasurer update - approximately $69000
* Teacher Appreciation date to be determined – week before AP Exams
* Need ideas for Teacher Appreciation week, more massages requested

**Kelly Huff Snyder – SEAC Update**

* SEAC program on inclusive practices is posted on LCPS website
* Ad Hoc committee posted a hoc memorandum of understanding concerning students with disabilities as a preemptive measure
* Next SEAC meeting March 4th

Meeting adjourn at 8:21pm