**BWHS PTSO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Nina Yeskis, Sue Wright, Lisa Colangelo, Shelia Alzate, Sue Spiotto,

Elizabeth Foster, Sian Baurmann, Rae Comparin, Kelly Huff-Synder2 student reps

**October and November Minutes approved**

**Sheila Alzate – Principal**

* Learning Walk
  + Once a year a group of Principals visit a School to observe the school culture and provide feedback on that school
  + This is achieved by randomly visiting classrooms for observation of the teaching process and to receive feedback from the students
  + Today was BWHS’s Learning Walk, 2 visiting principals and Mrs. Alzate observed many classrooms where students appeared fully engaged answering questions successfully and giving positive feedback
  + Scheduling night will be January 15th, Mr. Royhab will present scheduling options for next year
* Sunday was the Excellence in Education Banquet were National Merit Students were highlighted
* Renovations
  + Starting in February there will be an interim vestibule providing desks closer to the doors
  + There will be two buzzer camera systems installed inside and outside the interim vestibule, visitors will need to show ID twice
  + This interim vestibule fix is necessary until the construction on the new Library and Office space commences
  + An addition to Briar Woods high School is planned for the Summer of 2021
  + This addition will not impede the current drive from the front to back of the building
  + It will be a 2-level addition, eliminating the need for trailers
  + Mr. Kittelson’s class project was to design an addition to Briar Woods, these designs will be shared with Facility Designers for possible integration into the final design
* An email on Phase 2 Curriculum was sent to parents

**Autumn and Grace? Need names - Student Representative**

* There were technical problems with the speakers at Mr. BWHS show, at one-point speakers produced no sound
* There were 8 contestants Tyke Beatle? Won he sang for his talent portion
* The Faculty won the Powder Puff
* Spirit Week
* Monday Meme Day
* Tuesday Groutfit Day
* Wednesday Mathlete vs Athlete Day
* Thursday Frat Day
* Friday Whiteout Day
* Next week advisory will have a minute to win it contest
* December 18th will be Deck the Halls from 4pm – 8pm, SCA will do a Gingerbread House
* This Friday’s hockey game will be an Orange Out
* December 20th is ugly sweater day for the basketball Broad Run game

**Senior Decision Day – Rae Comparin**

* Senior Decision Day was renamed Dress for Your Career day to incorporate all students not just those attending College immediately after graduation.
* Options for Dress for Your Career Day include; a DJ, Photo booth, extend advisory to 1 hour that day, have Career Day replace the graduation party, Gift cards, raffle (must be there to receive it)
* Decision day is now required by schools.
* Discussed PTSO funding suggested Rae look for funding from local businesses
* Possible idea is to have School Departments make readiness Kits for students going to College or Work or Gap year
* VBOE is focused on Career and College
* Suggestions as theme – “Oh the Places You Will Go” or #WWYG – Where Will You Go

**Holiday Outreach Update – Sue Spiotto**

* All slots for the Holiday Outreach were filled up within 48 hours - gift cards for food, shopping, gas, movie passes etc.
* Over 120 gift bags with a value of $2000 were complied for the holiday and to hand out over the year to BWHS families in need
* 10 turkeys were delivered to families for Thanksgiving
* Mrs. Alzate compliments Sue on how well she understands the needs of these families and how comfortable she makes them feel

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

* English representative from around the county looked at new secondary materials for use at the High School Level
* Harcourt Mifflin, Pearson and 3rd company presented material
* The representatives liked portions of all three sets of materials
* Not all materials had support for all student levels
* Materials are online at LCPS
* A decision on these materials is expected early next year with the books in Schools next School Year
* Mythology will be in program of studies next year
* In Advisory SAPT students received a medallion with the word they had submitted earlier in the year stamped on it. The students loved it. If anyone did not receive one, please tell SAPT their name and the word they would like on it it
* New mentors for freshmen are being recruited in January by application with decisions in March/April get
* Matching of students and advisors for next school year will now be by activity and interest
* Students and teachers will list 3 interests and 3 activities and matches will be made from this information
* Teachers have already signed up to host activities during Advisory period. Teachers enjoyed this activity time as well as the Students
* Next year Freshmen mentors will have designated t-shirts

**Debbie Norberg - President’s Update**

* A note was received from independence High School PTSO thanking us for our donation
* A thank you card was received from the students involved with the American Education Week Breakfast
* A vote was taken on the PTSO scholarship amounts, 3 scholarships were approved for $2000, $1500 and $1000
* Harris Teeter VIC program has 316 links, with just over $2000 in profit for PTSO
* Custodian Appreciation lunch is set for Dec 13, Chipotle is catering at just under $300 for everything (including delivery) PTSO will also provide cookies
* The Holiday Cookie event will be on December 20th, sign-up genius is almost full
* Rachel Bailey will give a presentation on Monday night, the advertisement for this is on the BWHS sign
* Office decorating will be Friday morning

**SEAC update- Kelly Huff-Snyder**

* November MSAC and SEAC was a joint meeting
* was recorded and was quite extensive
* discipline numbers are going down but high compared to number of students in system
* December SEAC meeting was short
* Mrs. Noland, the new schoolboard member, stared she intends to be active with various committees
* Only 2 of 9 members are returning, Sheridan and Morse
* There was a very good presentation form The Center on Anxiety and Mental Health by Jonathan Dolton

**Treasurer’s Update – Lisa Colangelo**

* More has come in than gone out this month
* Checking account $50,000
* Investment CD $20,000
* Year to date we have brought in $11,000

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