**BWHS PTSO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**April 4,2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Jim Scott, Nina Yeskis, Lisa Colangelo, Sue Spiotto, Sunita Saini, Brian Schultz, Kelly Huff-Snyder, Susan Wright, Jonathan Kite, Elizabeth Foster

**Feb Minutes were reviewed and approved**

**Brian Schulz-SCA Rep**

* April 24th is the annual Academic Competition. There will be three teams competing on trivia. The students hope to defeat the faculty this year.
* April 27th at 7pm will be the Powder Puff fundraiser. Tickets will be around $5 to $10.
* Prom is scheduled for May 3rd. Students taking off the Friday before prom must either take a whole day off or leave at 12:00pm.
* Spirit week is April 29th to May 3rd.
  + Monday will be America Day
  + Tuesday will be Tie Dye Day
  + Wednesday will be Country Day
  + Thursday will be Camo Day
  + Friday will be Pajama Day
* May 29th Seniors receive their cap and gown and attend the Hall Walk
* May 31st is a required Graduation practice for all Seniors
* May 30th is the last day of school for seniors
  + Seniors receive their yearbooks
  + Senior BBQ
  + School Awards handed out
* June 3rd is Senior trip to Hersey Park
* June 11th at 10:00am will be Graduation

**Jonathan D. Kite - Assistant Principal**

* Monday will be Senior Service day
* May 14th the installation of artificial turf will commence on the playing field
* All class requests are in and work is beginning on a master schedule for next year’s classes
* Doors were locked in error last night due to custodians on vacation and many other custodians out sick.
* Next school year will see just over 1900 students in attendance
* Approximately 40 students will leave BWHS to attend the Independence High School next year.
* April 8th will be the last Senior breakfast for the class of 2019

**Jim Scott-Teacher Request for Funding**

* Thanked the PTSO for their funding the Raspberry Pie Computers Boards
  + Raspberry Pies were used to program robots in class
  + Students love using them and don’t want to leave at end of class
  + Raspberry Pies have been used in various projects to enhance the learning experience
  + One Raspberry Pie is no longer working
* There is a possible change coming to retitle and redefine the course as pre-engineering
  + BWHS would be the pilot school for this
  + A set of four consecutive courses centered on engineering would be offered
  + Teachers need to be trained and funding established.
  + Courses may begin in Fall of 2020
* 1st funding request
  + Asking for a 3D printer and initial supplies cost $3478
    - Currently they have only one usable printer for approximately 90 students
    - 3D print takes 3-4 hours per item
  + The PTSO unanimously approved $3478 for this purchase
* 2nd funding request
  + Asking for a vynal cutter to make stencils for projects cost $500
  + Cutter will make it possible for students to create clean line cuts and intricate designs in their projects,
  + The PTSO unanimously approved $500 for this purchase
* 3rd funding request
  + Pen kits cost $275
    - Students turn the wood on the lathe gathering needed skills
    - Pen kits include the inner workings along with the teakwood
    - These pens are then sent to soldiers or sold in school for $5 each
    - Income from pens help to offset other class projects
  + The PTSO unanimously approved $275 for this purchase

**Elizabeth Foster- Teacher Request for Funding**

* Asking for Trapezoidal tables for English class currently located in Trailer
  + Each table seats 6 students
  + Tables can be easily rearranged for small or large group projects
  + Current integrated seat desk units in trailer are to small for students to sit in. They have very limited writing space
  + Individual chairs are already precured

**Kelly Huff-Snyder LEAP and SEAC rep**

* LEAP MEETING AND SEAC meeting were on same day
* Ms. Snyder presented her notes from the previous SEAC meeting
  + New executive committee chair Sharon Trough
  + Parent survey is being conducted
  + The Special Education Director is Retiring Friday. There will be a statewide and national search to replace Director.
  + SEAC meeting May 1, 2019 will be at BWHS. Requesting help from Key Club and others

**Elizabeth Foster – Teacher Representative Update**

* Freshman Transition Committee has been revamped.
  + They will be asking Freshman for their interests. This data will then be used to help to form advisory groupings. This will allow new students to meet others with similar interests.
  + Upper Classmen will be advisors in some groups.
* Freshman Orientation Day has been revamped.
  + Freshmen enter and receive schedules
  + Freshmen sit with mentors during announcements
  + Team building - participating in an escape room
  + Lunch
  + Laptop distribution
  + Club info and tour of school
  + Run schedule

**President Update – Debbie Norberg**

* Senior BBQ May 30th
* College prep program will cost $149
* Teacher Appreciation week
  + Smoothie flavors discussed
  + Massages will be from 11am to 5pm by appointment on Sign Up Genius
* April 10th  7pm Rachel Bailey will present “How to Raise Resilient Children”

**Treasurers Update - Lisa Colangelo**

* Budget is on track
* See Treasurer printout

Adjourned at 7:58pm

**Post meeting online votes:**

April 22, 2019 – Debbie Norberg was asked by the school if the PTSO could replace the microwaves in the cafeteria. A vote was put forth to approve $300. The expense was approved unanimously.

April 22, 2019 – Debbie Norberg proposed purchasing 10 garment bags for $170 from the Container Store for Irene’s Closet which is a non-profit run by a Briar Woods teacher providing formal wear fort those in need. Briar Woods students are beneficiaries of her effort. The expense was approved unanimously.