**BWHS PTSO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 3, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Martha Belote, Nina Yeskis, Sue Wright, Lisa Colangelo, 3 student reps, Lisa Colangelo, Sue Spiotto, Kelly Huff-Snyder

**September Minutes reviewed and approved**

**Martha Belote –Assistant Principal**

* Columbus Day holiday is October 24th
* October 16th from 9:00am – 1:00pm is a senior service day, morning will be PTSO breakfast and afternoon is service at Elementary Schools
* October 5th from 5:00pm – 5:30pm will be a celebration of the legacy of Jonathan Kite. His extended family will be there, and public is invited. A catered dinner for the family only will be held. The family will then attend the BWHS football game.
* The Faculty Scholarship, to which teachers and staff contribute and vote on will be named the Jonathan Kite Scholarship
* Starting this second quarter a new quarterly student recognition will be implemented. Students that come from behind or overcome and persevere to be the best they can be will be acknowledged. A plaque with the student’s picture on it and the quote “You’re braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.”. — Christopher Robin will be hung in the Hallway.
* Student mentors or students that reach out to help other students may be recognized is advisory, possibly muffins or something for everyone who was nominated.
* There is a counseling site on the school web page, that we want everyone to know about.
* The school would also like as many Seniors and Juniors as possible to attend the kin house college visits.
* We are off to a great start to the school year

**Sue Wright - Teacher Representative Update**

* Professional development on October 28th

**Names Needed - Student Representatives**

* Homecoming was good. DJ was ok. Played less rock and more familiar songs but not danceable songs.
* Powderpuff juniors won. It was close and fun. Half time dance went well, Juniors and Seniors danced together.
* Pep rally will be Oct 25th
* Stonebridge game will be pink out
* Mr. Briar Woods will be Nov 14th here in auditorium. This is a fundraiser with cash prizes
* Spirit Week:
* Monday – PJ day
* Tuesday – Tie Dye day
* Wednesday – Western day
* Thursday – 80’s day
* Friday – Pink Out
* Briar Woods Falcon frenzy on twitter to follow get info??
* Student Council is floating the idea of a Diver in Movie to be held at BWHS. The movie would be free but there would also be a concession stand. Tentative date around Halloween.

**Sue Spiotto - Parent liaison**

* PTSO will post a link to register for holiday donations; gift cards
* PTSO unanimously approved $250 for holiday gift cards for BWHS families that qualify

**Debbie Norberg - President’s Update**

* College Boot Camp update – A small group was present, but feedback was great
* At Back to school night, computers were available to sign-up for PTSO Membership. A lot less people signed up for membership, but the amount of funds collected were about the same as last year.
* Kaplan/SAT Practice test have finished. The first class has over 60 signed up. Oct 1st class was cancelled
* Custodian Appreciation –
  + Yesterday was custodian appreciation day.
  + Can we do anything for them, possibly food for both shifts?
  + Possibly have PTSO buy lunch for all of them, just for them in the library conference room
  + Shifts are 6:00am to 3:00pm and 3:00pm to 11:00pm.
  + Can we do something at the end of the year when all custodians are cleaning the school?
  + We have a total of 10 custodians
  + PTSO will plan some recognition.
* We need some other fundraising ideas

Harris teeter VIC program has 299 links with $877 already collected

**Zachary Spangler - Teacher Request for Funding**

* Requesting a license for a computer earth science concepts website
* Website has activities such as understanding Humidity; students see a video and follow on screen directions to complete activity
* Good for examples on items that are hard to model such as tides
* Site is for classroom use and is self-contained
* This site can be used by all 9th grade earth science teachers
* Cost $787.50 for one-year license
* PTSO requested more information regarding site specifically renewal cost

**Lisa Colangelo - Treasurer’s Update**

* In Checking account $48, 350.00
* In investment account $20,000.00
* Other income not posted approximately $7500.00
* Expenditures not posted $1883.00

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

* Went to 3 SEAC meetings and one MSAC meeting
* Director Patricia Nelson was introduced
* There a are approximately 1000 special needs students in Loudoun County
* SEAC wrote a letter to Dr. Jones regarding some curriculum being biased
* Curriculum is to be reviewed, regarding implicit bias, that was missed in previous reviews
* Loudoun County has a center that has been developed to investigate bias in curriculum
* MSAC meeting was attended by Dr. Williams
* There will be a new ad hoc committee for minority students that will be all encompassing
* More diversity in classroom books
* Lottie Sperlock now oversees equity issues
* All Principals have participated in a 3 to 4-hour workshops on equity
* The goal is that all teachers will be on the same page in understanding implied bias and how to handle difficult topics. This will be achieved through a higher level of understanding what equity means and how to reach it.
* November will have a combined SEAC and MSAC meeting
* Michelle Derby is the assistant Principal for Briar Woods assigned to MSAC

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm

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