**BWHS PTSO**

**Meeting Minutes**

**September 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35

**In attendance:**

Debbie Norberg, Nina Yeskis, Jennifer Bridges, Sue Wright, Elizabeth Foster, Lisa Colangelo, Sian Baumann, Shelia Alzate, Sunita Saini, Anthony Donberger, Sam Kosin, Rich Rovang, Cythia Miller

**August Minutes approved**

**Sheila Alzate – Principal**

* 1900 hundred Chromebook devices and chargers were passed out on the first day of school
* Network problems were observed, with the large volume of users, but were resolved worked
* Elizabeth Foster’s Freshman transition team made for a sooth transition
* First Advisory lessons were effective and well received
* School is now operating with full staff, Principal Alzate greatly appreciates her staff’s efforts during the transition
* Principals philosophy is to have students and teachers take leadership positions when applicable
* Maddie Saadah, a student, has worked with the County to get “School” painted on roadway as well as signage to enhance safety around the school
* Richard Rovang is one of two new Assistant 18
	+ He is happy to be part of the BWHS Family
	+ Appreciates the PTSO and the rest of the School for being so welcoming and friendly
	+ Appreciates the PTSO leadership and how much they do for the School
* The VDOE website has a listing of the 5 C goals to be implemented by teachers
	+ Collaboration
	+ Creativity
	+ Communication
	+ Critical Thinking
	+ Citizenship
	+ These goals lend themselves to flexible seating in classrooms
* County funding
	+ Each Department receives Funds from the County toward basic supplies
	+ Funds are spent at the start up of the school year
	+ New this year – County is supplying 400 books per English teacher per grade taught
	+ Books will represent a more diverse student body and more diverse interests
	+ Books are meant to supplement the curriculum and help create lifetime readers

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

* Freshman Orientation saw 50 upperclassmen volunteer to answer question and facilitate the program with an informative video produced by the students
* First advisory of year was well received
	+ Each student was to select one word that meant something to them
	+ Words have power
	+ Words were given to SAPT (Student Advisory Planning Team)
	+ SAPT will select a gift for each student based on their word
* Beginning of the year luncheon was wonderful especially the omelets and chicken.
* Elizabeth sent out a detailed email to staff regarding what the PTSO offers and the membership sign-uplink
* Teacher sign-ups have dramatically increased since the email.
* Having the sign-up on a phone has also been more effective

**Anthony Donberger - Student Representative**

* Last night was hallway decorating for Homecoming which went smoothly
* Pep Rally is from 3:03pm – 4:03pm in the gym on Friday
* Friday night at 7:00pm is the Homecoming football game
* Saturday is the Homecoming Dance
	+ Over 1,000 tickets have been sold
	+ PTSO will supply some water bottles
	+ DJ will be DJ Mario this is his second year as the Homecoming DJ
	+ BWHS hosts the largest Homecoming Dance in the County
* September 6th is Toga Day

**Debbie Norberg - President’s Update**

* Tommy Show
	+ On September 11th BWHS will be treated to cupcakes per our contest win
	+ The Show will be bringing Virginia Scratchers too
	+ Podcast does a on air contest which Debbie Norberg was on this morning winning a $125 gift card from Carmine
* Back to School Student run luncheon was very well received
* New Website
	+ New Website is now online
	+ The old site is still active and points to new site
	+ Please share the new site with everyone
	+ There are a few minor glitches to iron out
	+ New online payment portal is a big success
	+ $2400 has been collected in the last few days
	+ More teachers have signed up than last year
	+ PTSO paid for domain name and cost of Wixx to host site, total cost is still less than making paper sign-up copies
	+ Money is available instantly, much less processing time than paper
	+ PTSO is receiving larger gift amounts
* Homecoming – PTSO will provide water 2 small bottles per ticket
* Back-To-School Nights- Sept 11 and Sept 18
	+ On-site PTSO member sign-up with Chrome books
	+ Debbie ordered a Square reader to take membership payments
	+ Lisa Colangelo will do a picture presentation on the PTSO
	+ Give slide to Shelia Alzate to present
* Kaplan
	+ Kaplan first class full at 25 students
	+ Kaplan was not responsive when PTSO tried to initially set up future classes
	+ Future classes are now in place
	+ Practices tests will be September 22nd and November 17th
* Budget update-
	+ Last years budget had a surplus
	+ This year’s budget will be revenue neutral
	+ Projected income $28000
	+ Giant A+ program has been discontinued- $2K loss to us
	+ Add $500 donation for Independence HS PTSO for start up

voted and approved

* + Reduce Benevolent fund to $500 voted and approved
	+ Reduce Extracurriculars to $1000 voted and approved
	+ Senior Breakfast is Student run and parent supplied so PTSO cost will be reduced to zero
	+ Add $200 to run website
	+ Scholarships now set at $4000
	+ All Scholarships were paid by June 30th this year, so no cushion needed
	+ Add $500 for Jonathan Kite tribute
	+ Education Grants set at $10000
	+ Rachel Bailey? – Sunita$ 250 cost

**Sunita Saini**

* Irene’s Closet Update
	+ Irene’s Closet was open at BWHS for two days
	+ Closet was well received with outfits being selected
	+ Students came in groups and supported each other
* Rachel Bailey
	+ Will give another talk this fall at BWHS, previous talks on resilience and stress
	+ She was an adolescent and parent counselor, now works one-on-one
	+ Is a speaker on topics related to middle and high school behavior
	+ Talk topic will be centered on Motivational Behavior
	+ Cost $250 approved

**Jen Bridges- Teacher Request for Funding**

* Request for 75 copies of Agatha Christies novel And Then There Were None
* This will allow for multiple classes to have books for students who cannot purchase their own copy or forget to bring book to class
* Books will be shared by multiple classes
* Cost $510 approved

**Elizabeth- Teacher Request for Funding**

* Asking for two additional Trapezoidal tables for English class
	+ Each table seats 6 students
	+ Tables can be easily rearranged for small or large group projects
	+ Current integrated seat desk units are too small for students to sit in and have very limited writing space
	+ There are now 27 students in a class, these extra students need tables
	+ Tables will be used in 3 classes
	+ Cost $375 approved

* Asking headsets to use with Chromebooks
	+ These headsets have a protective cover that can be wiped clean
	+ Headphone are noise cancelling and contain a microphone
	+ Headphone will be used to enhance power points, create TED talk like presentations, and videos
	+ Making presentations without headsets in class end up recording extraneous background noises
	+ At present 2 classes will use these headsets this fall or spring with two more classes being added later
	+ Headsets van also be shared with the rest of the English Department and the school
	+ Cost $309.90
	+ Request put on hold since it is not an immediate need

**Treasurer’s Update – Lisa Colangelo**

in checking account $60000

Adjourned at 7:56