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PTA Meeting Notes
Meeting @9AM
October 20, 2021

Board Members Present:

Kate Rubin (Co-President), Terri Desai (Treasurer), Esra Dayani (Acting Recording Secretary), Julie Underwood (Fundraising Coordinator), Members At-Large: Peg Fox, Tamiko Jackson; Miguel Negron (AP), Zina Ettangi (Parent Coordinator)

(At least 8 association members, including a minimum of 2 board members and 6 parent members present; a quorum was reached.)

CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order by President, Kate Rubin, at 9:00am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES September Minutes Approved by Membership (link to minutes lives on BHS PTA webpage and link was shared in chat)

Barry Mobley, BHS HS math, Barry.Mobley@k497.org

- To help support the basketball program at BHS, Mr. Mobley would love to bring back the ability to make and sell merchandise for the players and fans. He will send a link to Kate.
- A question was asked if Mr. Mobley wanted the word spread to buy items or can PTA help by buying things?
- Mr. Mobley said it's more of a school spirit thing and loves to see kids wearing their school logo and excited about their team. In the past, Principal Lanzilotto did pitch in to buy for students who couldn't.

Co-President Kate Rubin pta@k497.org

- Introduction to the meeting - theme is KNOWLEDGE.

Assistant Principal Negron AP.negron@k497.org

- Spirit week participation has been great. Good time of year to do it. This is Fall spirit week and there will be a Spring spirit week as well.
- Encourage kids to enroll in teacher-led after school programs; some classes are under enrolled (such as Sign Language & French Cinema) so please encourage your students to join if they'd like to.
- NIA after school partnership coming soon! Another program that usually starts a bit later in the year.

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- Early Bird registration coming up - early morning sports & other activities
- RJ had recent training with Morningside (program out of Columbia University - all day intensive to learn more tools to help our students)
- MAP testing; non-evaluative test going on now and going smoothly
- Beginning Nov. 1st city-wide SEL (Social-Emotional Screener); every student at BHS will be screened by a staff member with a 40 question screener to help evaluate where kids are emotionally. Nov 1-12. Big undertaking but will provide very important data for our student community.

Anna MacEwan, FNP, SUNY Downstate Clinic (school-based health center)

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- Anna is a nurse practitioner with a background in pediatrics and family medicine.
- She runs our BHS-based clinic and offers:
 - o Routine immunizations/vaccines (such as flu shots and the HPV series)
 - o general check-ups
 - o asthma management
 - o mental health screenings and referrals
 - o any health needs during the school day
- Parents can accompany students to vaccine appointments; all vaccine appointments can happen during the school day or at the end of the school day.
- STREP tests can be administered without having to make an appointment with your doctor.
- Flu vaccines are also available (doses available based on amount of refrigerator storage); 34 flu vaccine doses given so far this year.

Vincent Hyland, vincent.hyland@k497.org

- Mr. Hyland is our amazing BHS Librarian; he couldn't be here today as he's at a Librarian Conference but he prepared a helpful document and video. See below!
- https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nuGJhT-YEeYmhTsA655TLUxQA4MojtKuz1_VM8la5HQ/edit
- Video Mr. Hyland created to walk us through all BHS library resources: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ckmr7BqBTvo>
- Follow him on Instagram at @mrhyland

EXPEDITED ELECTIONS

- Kate announces the open positions that need to be elected upon.
- Recording Secretary Nominees are: Meredith Franco Meyers and Chloe Lee
- Co Treasurer Nominee is Crystal Harper
- Members At-Large are encouraged to also join the board to help with PTA tasks/projects based on their interests, availability and skills they'd like to offer on various projects and initiatives.
 - o Kate Rubin encourages anyone interested in this role to step forward and add their name to the chat or email Esra at ptasecretary@k497.org
 - o The following people have stepped forward to enter Member At-Large positions:

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- Julia Nguyen
- Alexandra Saghir
- Courtney Frank
- Nicole Clark

New Business

- Grade Liaisons: Either people from PTA or interested parents / someone from each class who can monitor Konstella and also read the monthly PTA minutes to see if there's something important to offer up to the wider school community. Then, post it in the Konstella chat for other parents to see.

Terri Desai, Treasurer ptatreasurer@k497.org

- Merch Sales (school gear) from the first week of school made some income.
- IB Costs (grants) were paid out of the PTA budget for the BHS teachers. Teachers are taking some of the courses now. Exciting stuff; teachers very encouraged and happy to be supported.

COMMITTEES

- November action item: The PTA is working to solidify committees to support various initiatives at BHS and volunteers are welcome! Please reach out to pta@k497.org or ptasecretray@k497.org to join one (or more of the committees below!)
 - o Budget
 - o Garden/Culinary
 - o Community
 - o Teacher Appreciation
 - o Equity team
 - o Fundraising
- Announcement about PTA Fun Run
 - Hundreds of participants
 - Raising money for all public schools
- Podcast of the Month Club starting back on October 27th, 2021.
 - Great way to meet other parents
 - Episode one, season one "Schooled"

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