

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

PSFA Co-President Renju Thomas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Co-Presidents Report:

1. Correction to 5/20/19 minutes made- Shilpa Arya added as a Co-President. May 2019 minutes were approved.
2. Board members introduced themselves to the group.
3. Committee updates- PSFA sponsored Teacher's breakfast on 9/4/19 was very much appreciated by BTHS staff. Teachers Lunch planned for April. PSFA Hospitality Team set up refreshments for Back to School Night, which was appreciated by parents and staff.
4. Parent volunteers needed for Fundraising and Spirit wear.

VP Membership:

62 new Freshmen members- trying to get 100% membership.

Treasurer's Report:

1. See details in Treasurer's September 2019 Highlights.
2. BTHS merchandise increased to \$2,500 (up \$500)
3. Major fundraising event (dinner social) expectation is \$15,000
4. Miscellaneous fundraisers (pie sale) expected to raise additional \$2,000.
5. Annual campaign to be rolled out in October. Parents should reach out to employers for corporate match.
6. Addition of Senior Awards - \$900.
7. Expected Revenue for 2019-2020 is \$37,410
8. Cash balance of \$48,553

Principal Meehan's Report:

1. Mr. Meehan welcomed everyone to the new school year. He thanked parents and PSFA for their support.
2. Ms. Courtney Amster is a new faculty member at BTHS and is teaching IB Chemistry
3. He introduced Ms. Tammy Mulvaney who is a new guidance counselor at BTHS (M-Z). She was previously at Rumson Fair Haven.
4. Guest Wireless access available to all students.
5. He thanked PSFA for donating \$11,000 to purchase 24 chromebooks. They are shared by Biology and Chemistry students.
6. Mr. Meehan encouraged everyone to use the main driveway, which has been expanded (light added). He advised to NOT use the Burlington access Road. Expansion of police academy anticipated.
7. Upcoming events-
 - a. Club Fair- 9/20/19. He asked parents to encourage students to participate and sign up for clubs.
 - b. 9th and 10th grade chill session -9/26/19.
 - c. School Pictures – 9/27/19.
 - d. PSAT 10/16/19. Important for Juniors wanting to qualify for National Merit scholarships.

8. He talked to parents about challenges of transitioning from middle school to high school. Students should become involved in the school community (clubs/study groups). Counselors and teachers are available to support all students.

Fundraising Chair:

Hina Balar asked all parents to get involved and support PSFA fundraising efforts. Events include pie sale during Thanksgiving & yoga event.

IB Chair:

1. Stacy Howard talked about IB Boosters which are 4 events to support/celebrate Juniors and Seniors.
2. IB Kickoff breakfast on 9/20/19
3. November Alumni breakfast. IB diplomas given to 2019 seniors.
4. IB Celebration for Seniors in January
5. Senior Celebration for May

Spirit Wear Chair:

Justina Romano encouraged parents to be engaged and be committed to their students. She asked for parent volunteers for Spirit Wear – held first Wednesday of every month (except January and June) from 10:10-11:45. She asked all volunteers to wear BTHS shirt to show their commitment and support.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 15, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Shital Patel, MD – PSFA Recording Secretary