

2018-2019 PTO Meeting Minutes December 5, 2018

- 1) **Welcome and Call to Order at 9:36 am by S. Vaupel**
 - 2) **Introductions** – S. Vaupel, J. Schenke, R. Zaretsky and R. English introduced themselves. S. Vaupel invited participants to refer to the reverse side of the agenda for a committee chair person roster.
 - 3) **Announcements:** S. Vaupel noted that the PTO is scheduling some evening meetings for parents that cannot make daytime meetings, such as the meeting scheduled for January 16. BHHS Principal Hollerith will be the guest speaker at the January meeting. BHMS Principal R. English noted that if any parent or guardian has a question about how BHMS functions, they should feel free and welcome to ask him or any member of the office staff. Announcements continued with updates on Upcoming Events.
 - 4) **Upcoming Events**
 - a) **January 16, 2019, 7:00-9:00 pm, BHMS.** Bloomfield Hills High School Principal Charlie Hollerith will shed some light on curriculum tracks available at the high school.
 - b) **February 2, 2019, 7:00-10:00 pm.** The second annual FUN-draiser at The HUB. P. Bugajewski shared details about the event, noted the flyers that are now available, and the ability to purchase tickets in advance on the PTO E-Store: <http://bhmspto.my-pta.org/content.asp?PageID=6>
 - 5) **Multicultural Celebration, March 18, 2019.** The BHMS liaison for the second annual event is Neeli Jawad. *The minutes reflect information R. Zaretsky gathered from a committee update provided by L. Abel, MC committee chair, as their most recent meeting was held December 6, a day after the PTO meeting:* “Multicultural Celebration 2019 may seem far away, but planning has already begun! The date is **Monday, March 18th, from 5:30 until 8 pm** at Bloomfield Hills High School. This is the second annual district-wide Multicultural Celebration, and we’re excited! This is a Bloomfield Hills School District event, designed for students and families. This event is a beautiful celebration of the many cultures that are represented by our district families. Students and their families - or groups of students - create exhibits showing visitors all about their culture, and musical performances/dances take place, often by student clubs. This year’s theme is “Inspiring Figures” - the concept is that in addition to providing cultural information on the exhibits, participants will also note an individual from the culture who has in some way contributed to American society. An example is Albert Einstein: he was German, and moved to the U.S. right before World War II OR Neil Armstrong: an American born in Ohio and originally from Scotland, if you are presenting the culture of Scotland. Our committee is always looking for new members and new ideas to plan this event, so please reach out to Leah Abel at leahabel@hotmail.com if you’d like to get involved! A facebook page with details about the event is here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2179939528912165/>. Committee Reports
 - a) **Thanksgiving Pie sponsors.** B. Kizy thanked the community for sponsoring 80 pumpkin pies, with sponsorships totaling \$446.
 - b) **Beautification Club.** L. Eaton shared via J. Schenke that a “change war” is raising funds for the club. The “change” or “coin war” involves teachers volunteering to do interesting “feats” in exchange for small coin contributions into a jar. Students have been and will continue to be involved in beautifying the school and its grounds.
 - c) **Budget.** S. Vaupel directed participants to the budget printouts, noting that the PTO is on track with spending and continues to be conservative with funds.
- 6) **Principal’s Report and Superintendent’s Dialogue:** R. English and R. Glass provided a joint presentation of assessment data on both the school district and BHMS. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DZJXeZ8_03c3o8WtXznLeXT87XzjFFCc/view?usp=sharing. R. English noted that given the range and number of questions provided by BHMS parents, they will be answered in a series of PTO meetings over the course of the academic year. In January, Principal Hollerith will discuss curriculum track issues. In

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February, the PTO meeting expects to address IB/DP (International Baccalaureate, Diploma Program) issues in advance of key decision making timelines for eighth grade families. In March and April PTO meetings, math and literacy issues can be addressed. In addition, Social and Emotional Learning director Margaret Schultz looks forward to an opportunity to speak at a PTO meeting and explain the district's efforts to improve Global Equity and Inclusion. Meeting times (morning or evening) are yet to be determined.

7) Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am by S. Vaupel

BHMS PTO Committee Roster

- Co-Presidents: Julia Schenke and Suzanne Vaupel
- Past President: Stacy Fox
- Treasurer: Jen Harst
- Secretary/Communications: Renu Zaretsky
- Fundraising: Sonalee Doshi, Erika Solomon and Hannan Alsahlani
- Website: Evan Leung
- SpiritWear: Jen Wroldson
- Teacher Thanksgiving Pies: Ban Kizy
- Hospitality and Teacher Appreciation: Heidi Janczyk
- Make a Difference Day: Geula Rapp
- 5,6,7 Grade Year End Party: Christine Pitcole and Liz Martel
- 8th Grade Party: Lisa Efros
- Clinic: Stephanie Spinale
- Forensics: Sue Brodsky
- Welcome Back Event/Ice Cream Social – Ban Kizzy and Christine Pitcole
- Beautification and Green School: Lauren Eaton and Shelley Lanesky