**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