

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting

December 3, 2019

Attendance: Kristen M., Dee O., Cynthia W.V., Katie B., Liz H., Karen W., Maura F., Lisa M., Irene I., Kate P., Bindu M.

Kristen M. called the meeting to order at 7pm.

President' Report: BHS PA President, Kristen M.

- Partners in Learning Program, which is run by Volunteer Coordinator Anita DiMatteo, is looking for community members to share career, hobby, and other interests with students. Parents should have received an email.
- Field Trip Policy – schools and school organizations and clubs continue to adapt to changes to Field Trip policy. Currently the policy requires school groups to fundraise the entire cost of a field trip. Donations will be taken but they are not for specific students and will not be refunded if the trip is canceled. If the trip is canceled, the donations will go towards another field trip by the same group.
 - BMS is taking a slightly different tack for the 8th grade Washington D.C. field trip by fundraising a partial amount of the cost and allowing parents to pledge money to help defray some of the cost with the understanding that the pledge money will only be collected if enough funds are raised for the trip to occur.
- The District received a RIDE grant to conduct a study of school facilities including athletic fields and playgrounds.
- FBLA last month asked for permission to deposit its donations in the BHS PA account. This issue as it relates to all clubs is under consideration because of the potential for an increased record keeping burden on the PA Treasurer and the possible tax implications (amounts in excess of \$50,000 flowing through the BHS PA account could complicate PA tax reporting). Kristen noted that the PA will continue to review this issue but that as a general matter this service was probably something the PA should provide.
- PA is looking for current college students to participate in an “Things I wish I had Known Before I got to College” presentation at its January 7th, 2020 meeting.

Guest Speaker: George Finn, BHS Director of Athletics and Student Activities

- Fall 2019 – 385 students participated in Fall Athletics
- 600-700 students participated in either extracurricular clubs or sports in the Fall
- Currently BHS has about 50 clubs, including new clubs such as the Finance Club, High School Quiz Show team and E-Sports Gaming Club.
- All BHS Fall teams made it to the play-offs this year
- December 10, 2019 at 7 pm in the auditorium – Mandatory meeting for all winter sport athletes and parents with a guest speaker to present on the topics of teen mental health, adolescent development and substance use.
 - The presentation will be videotaped so that students who can't attend due to practice, e.g., girls ice hockey team, can watch it later.
- BMS Fields are expected to be ready for use by Fall 2021, or possibly Spring 2022. Basketball and tennis courts should be ready by mid to late Spring 2020

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- Plans are underway to provide lighting at the Track & Field throwing circle on Upland Way as well as some additional lighting at the BHS track.

Secretary's Report: Lisa M.

- November minutes approved

Principal's Report: Joe Hurley

- Today's 2 hour weather delay presented some challenges but by and large delayed start went smoothly.
- BHS website to be revised to make it easier to find the daily schedule.
- Some parents noted that there were icy conditions at the intersection of Upland Way and Lincoln Avenue during the morning drop off.
- XQ Informational meeting is scheduled for parents and students on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7 pm in the BHS library. The meeting will explain BHS's pursuit of the \$500,000 XQ grant aimed at reimagining high school to, among other things, "level" the learning experiences of students enrolled in lower level courses.
 - Paula Dillon is the Lead Person for this grant application.
 - Joe Hurley and math teacher Lisa Mendo are the XQ Project Coordinators.
- XQ grant application is due at the end of January 2020. Barrington is one of 20 Rhode Island schools applying. 5 schools will receive awards.
- Six school administrators including Mr. Hurley attended the New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) conference in Toronto in mid-November.
- Efforts to remedy the student parking situation have been implemented including removing storage containers located in the lot and requesting that the Mega Disposal trucks no longer park in the student lot.
- Efforts are underway to update the National Honor Society website to reflect which NHS students are tutoring on which dates to make it easier for parents and students seeking tutoring services to know for which subjects tutoring is available on a given night.

After Prom Report: Dee O.

- After Prom is participating in the National Day of Giving today.
- After Prom was at the Thanksgiving Day football game selling raffle tickets.

Membership: Lisa M. reported

- Laurie D. and Angelica B. are coordinating the transition of membership responsibilities and the planning of a membership drive to improve our membership numbers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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AGENDA

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WELCOME

Kristen Materne

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Maura Fay

GUEST SPEAKERS

George Finn – Athletics and Student Activities Update

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

XQRI High School Redesign Grant Update
New Pedagogies for Deep Learning (NPDL) – Toronto
Student Parking

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Anjelica Bazyk
Hospitality – Bindu Mallick and Lisa McGartoll
Nominating – Dee O'Hayre
Library – Anjali Ram
After Prom – Lisa Daft, Dee O'Hayre, Diane Tine and Anne Gasbarro
Bay Team Liaison – Maura Fay
Special Events
SEAC – Lisa Ottone

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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DATES OF INTEREST

December	3	Faculty Meeting (10:15AM-11:00AM - CPT)
	3	Music Dept. Coffee House (6:30PM)
	3	BHS Parents Association (7:00pm)
	4	XQRI Presentation - BHS Library (7:00PM)
	7	SAT's (7:45 AM)
	9	Professional Development Day (No School)
	10	Mandatory Presentation for all Winter Sports Athletes and a parent/guardian (7-8:30PM)
	11	Booster Club (7:00 PM)
	11	School Improvement Team (4:00 PM)
	17	Winter Concert - Combined (7:00PM)
	23-30	Hanukkah
	23-Jan 1st	School Vacation (No School)
	25	Christmas
January	1	New Years Day (No School)
	2	School Re-Opens
	7	BHS Parents Association (7:00 PM)
	8	School Improvement Team (4:00 PM)
	8	Booster Club (7:00 PM)
	9	Talent Show (7:00 PM)
	14	Faculty Meeting (7:25-8:10)
	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (No School)
	21-24	Mid-term Exams
	24	End of 2nd Marking Period

GUEST SPEAKERS/TOPICS

- September 10- Joseph Hurley
- October 1 - Dave Wyrostek – SRO, Toni Corry, Director of School Counseling
- November 5 - Suzanne Costa – Library Update
- December 3 - George Finn – Athletics and School Activities
- January 7 - TBD
- February 4 - TBD
- March 3 - TBD
- April 7 - TBD
- May 5 - TBD
- June 2 - NA