

## PTSO MEETING – 9/24/19

**In Attendance:** Rebecca Combs, Joseph Shen, Christa Bauge, Bertha Betran, Manuel Betran, Elizabeth Brown, Lucy Wang, Zuo Lu Andrew, Danielle Lemack, Yanping Cui, May Yingchun Ye, Deana Witter, Nomita Ganguly, Sripriya Narasimhan, Xia Zhou, Julie Tovar, Shonool Malik, Katherine Stievater, Rachel Bruno

Introductions of PTSO leaders and all attendees

Approval of 8/22/19 PTSO minutes

Andrew stated that activities fair being held Thursday September 26 during last period. Review of clubs funded last year (Unicef, Robotics, Debate, Model UN, Science Team, Walk for Hunger). Clubs can apply to receive grant money from PTSO once have receipts for expenses sent. Discussion of how increase students awareness of available grant money for club or idea that benefits BHS community. Clearer guidelines about how money will be awarded. How to get more faculty involvement was discussed and question of whether PTSO can provide stipend money for a teacher to mentor a club was raised.

May reported that she needs help with fundraising specifically letter that will go out in October requesting donations for PTSO. Plan is to shorten the letter and make it more simple. Option of switching to Cheddar instead of paypal was discussed.

Budget items were reviewed. Question of whether guidance will be having the college fair in the spring; this well-attended, informative meeting for students and parents is a big fundraiser for PTSO. It had been mentioned previously that maybe that night would be joint college/career night in 2020. Further attention to this is needed.

Group was asked about input/ideas about how to support students during the construction that in the last week has become more disruptive. Comfort dog idea was initially mentioned by Thomas Brow last year. Suggestions included: a “detox” day that included several types of stress relief like yoga or mindfulness instruction. There was concern about student stress around 1)phone usage and 2)hyper attention to academic performance.

It was brought to the attention of PTSO that BHS tennis courts were removed to create current larger parking lot and there is no plan in the new Belmont Middle and High School plans to include any tennis courts.

Meeting adjourned until October 22<sup>th</sup> at BHS.

### **Dates for PTSO meetings and speaker series**

<b><u>MEETINGS</u></b> 7.30 PM BHS Library	<b><u>SPEAKER SERIES</u></b> 7 pm BHS Auditorium
September 24	October 1 <u>Rachel Katzman – college planning</u>
October 22 – Q & A w/ Isaac Taylor	December 3
November 19	January 14 –
January 15	February 11 – <u>Katherine Stievater -Gap Year Programs</u>
March 17	March 10
April 15	April 7 – Wendy Murphy, JD <u>Title 9: Sexual Harassment</u>
May 21	

June 10	
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