

**Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake PTA Council**  
**November 16, 2009**

**Call to Order:** Erin Pezzulo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** Jackie Ballinger, Mary Beth Frewin, Laurie Kruppenbacher, Joe Pericone, Lauren Roecker, Jim Schultz, Cathy Todd, Lynnette Ziskin.

**President's Report: Erin Pezzulo for Paula Van Buren.**

No report.

**Secretary's Report: Lynnette Ziskin.**

~The minutes of the September 21, 2009 Council meeting were distributed via e-mail. They were subsequently voted on and unanimously approved via e-mail. They will be sent to Christy Multer for inclusion on the BH-BL website.

**Treasurer's Report: Lynnette Ziskin for Barb Becker.**

1. The Balance Sheet as of November 16, 2009 which reflects the following:
  - Checking Account: \$10,240.07
  - Savings Account: \$8,740.47
  - Total Assets: \$18,980.54
2. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, July 1, 2009 – November 16, 2009.
3. Only Stevens has paid their Arts & Enrichment and Odyssey of the Mind bills.
4. The high school PTSA has not paid \$75 dues to Council.
5. Thank you to Amy Agan for continuing to assist with the Council's accounting.

**School Board Liaison's Report: Joe Pericone.**

~Joe presented an overview of the BH-BL Renovations Referendum, and answered questions. The propositions are up for public approval on December 9. Extensive details regarding the referendum are available on the BH-BL website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

**Superintendent's Report: Jim Schultz.**

~Jim requested and encouraged PTAs to help spread the message of the upcoming Renovation Referendum. Details and much more information will be in the BH-BL Bulletin Newsletter which will be mailed to homes soon. The proposed projects are building specific; the O'Rourke Middle School and Stevens Elementary have the largest (proposed) projects. If approved, 75% of the cost of these projects plus interest would be paid by state building aid over 15 years, beginning in 2013.

~A Community Forum on this topic will take place at the high school on November 19.

Information can also be found on the district website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

~Once again, Jim spoke about the district's policy regarding the H1N1 virus; BH-BL will follow the same guidelines as the county health department whose plans are consistent with the NY State Health Department. Much more information on this topic is available on the BH-BL website: [www.bhbl.org](http://www.bhbl.org).

~The BH-BL schools continue to do all the extra illness prevention, cleanliness and tracking procedures, even though the first wave of illness has subsided for now. The district saw an average absentee rate of 11%, and a high of 20% in two buildings. These rates have currently dropped back down to normal; BH-BL continues to monitor both student and faculty attendance

on a daily basis. A second wave of absenteeism is expected during the spring flu season. Unfortunately, the vaccination supply is limited. People that are considered “high risk” are given priority.

~Congratulations to all our fall sports teams on their successful seasons!

~The BH-BL Theatre for Children BY Children (in grades 2 – 8) will present Rapunzel this weekend November 20 – 21 at the O’Rourke Middle School.

**Teacher Representative’s Report: Jason Lasky.**

No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audit Committee: Karen Smith.**

No report.

**Eileen Briggs Award: Ann Slocum.**

No report.

**Arts & Enrichment: Jackie Ballinger.**

~Charlton Heights Elementary :

- (All K – 5) Motivational Productions, Sylvia Markson, Ball in the House, A World Mosaic of Music and Dance, and the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Children’s Museum.
- Tom McCabe – 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Saratoga Children’s Museum City by Design, Go Kennel Racing – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- Residency with storyteller Motoko – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Residency with Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company – 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

~Pashley Elementary

- Pashley has allocated \$7,000 for their 09-10 Arts & Enrichment budget.
- Residency with Brian Chevalier – 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Scheduled programs include: Two programs for each grade K – 5 from the Scotia-Glenville Traveling Children’s Museum.
  - On October 29, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class went to Proctors to see “Newton’s Revenge”.
  - Today (November 16) the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class attended Theatre Works USA’s “If You Give a Pig a Pancake” at Schenectady High School.

**Founders Day: Erin Pezzulo.**

~The Founders Day dinner is scheduled for February 4. Nominations for Founders Day candidates must be returned to Unit PTAs by December 18; all non-winning nominations must be submitted to PTA Council c/o Erin Pezzulo prior to the next Council meeting, January 11, 2010.

**Theatre for Children: Kathy Lynch.**

No report.

**Odyssey of the Mind: Jean Smith.**

No report.

**Council Delegate Reports:**

**High School PTA Council Rep: Lynnette Ziskin.**

~The Fall Concert was held on October 26.

- ~A College Financial Aid Meeting was held on Thursday November 5.
- ~A program open to all high school students was held from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on November 5 at Shenendehowa High School, “Explore the Fastest Growing Careers of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”.
- ~November 6 was the final day of the first marking period.
- ~The Student Academic Recognition Assembly was held on November 9 (the half day).
- ~ On November 13 – 14, the High School drama production performed “Fools”.
- ~The Albany Medical Center Hospital will host “Health Careers Explorations Day” on Saturday November 21. This program is offered each year to high school students interested in a career in health care areas such as radiology technician, respiratory therapist, laboratory technician, cardiovascular technician, and many other non-nursing non-medicine careers. More information on this health care program can be found at [LearningandDevelopment@mail.amc.edu](mailto:LearningandDevelopment@mail.amc.edu).
- ~Mrs. Symer commended all of the fall sports teams on another remarkable and exciting season!

### **Middle School PTA Council Rep: Mary Beth Frewin.**

- ~Congratulations to Assistant Principal Mrs. Robin Gawrys on her recent appointment as Principal of the Gowana Middle School in the Shenendehowa Central School District.
- ~The Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive is currently taking place.
- ~The 1st Quarter Report Cards will come home with students on November 18.
- ~ Once again this year students at the O'Rourke Middle School are looking for the names and addresses of current members of the armed services who cannot be home for the holidays. The school will be sending holiday greetings to servicemen and women stationed around the globe. Due to overwhelming community response, the school already has hundreds of used holiday cards for this project, but very few names. Various classes will be preparing cards and letters to send to service members who are family.
- ~The Middle School PTA Craft Fair was held on November 7. The event went well, although there were fewer crafters this year. Thank you to the “Participation in Government” students who were the parking attendants.
- ~Two new fundraisers – the pancake breakfast and movie night – have been postponed.
- ~Rock ‘n Bowl will be held at Burnt Hills Lanes on Friday December 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- ~Please support these PTA fundraisers: Box Tops for Education, Capri-Sun recycling program (2 cents per pouch), the sale of “Enjoy the City” entertainment books, and the future staff/student volleyball game.

### **Charlton Heights PTA Council Rep: Laurie Kruppenbacher.**

- ~The PTA meeting was last week.
- ~The Children’s Garden was held for two full days offering a fall harvest lesson and opportunities for all students to work and plant bulbs in the garden as well as share a sampling of fall harvest foods that parent volunteers prepared.
- ~The Monster Mash was a fun event; unfortunately this year’s Mash saw a few minor discipline issues but they were resolved quickly.
- ~The Book Fair was well attended and had many volunteers to help.
- ~A New Family Social was recently held; pizza was served to welcome new families to Charlton Heights.
- ~The PTA membership drive is still underway.
- ~The Holiday Shop will take place on December 3.
- ~The PTA website is currently undergoing improvements to increase communication between school and home.

- ~The banking program has started up, once again with First Niagara Bank Corp.
- ~The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class recently saw “Harold and the Purple Crayon”.
- ~The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will soon travel to the NYS Museum in Albany.

**Pashley PTA Council Rep: Darcy Baumbach.**

No report.

**Stevens PTA Council Rep: Cathy Todd.**

- ~The PTA Fall Family Dinner was held on Friday November 6.
- ~The Holiday Shop is scheduled for Wednesday December 9. Fewer vendors have signed up this year.
- ~The BOGO Book Fair will be held the first week in December.
- ~Thursday October 29 was ShellStrong Day. \$2400 was raised for the Shell family.
- ~The fall fundraiser, Kathryn Beich, was successful.
- ~Decreased volunteerism continues to be an issue.
- ~PARP feedback is being sought from parents and staff.
- ~A committee was formed to examine the possibility of PTA funding the Student Agendas.

**Vice-president: Erin Pezzulo.**

No report.

**2nd Vice-president: Laurie Kruppenbacher.**

No report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president: Lauren Roecker.**

No report.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

- ~The Nominating Committee was appointed; it includes: Laurie Kruppenbacher, Jackie Ballinger, and Mary Beth Frewin. The four positions on the PTA Council Board whose terms expire in 2010 are President, Secretary, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-president and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-president.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:58 p.m.

**PLEASE VOTE ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9.**

**The next PTA Council meeting will be held on Monday January 11, 2010  
in the Principal’s Conference Room at the High School.**

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